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Facts About Palmer

Settled	1716
Incorporated	1776
Location	About 15 miles east of Springfield, on U.S. Route 20
Highest elevation	Mt. Pattaquattic, 1080 feet
Population	11,394 (1965 State Census)
Form of Government	Town Meeting
Tax Rate	\$110.00 per thousand, plus the following Fire District tax rate; Precinct A, \$11.00; precinct B, \$10.00; precinct C, \$10.00; precinct D, \$9.00.
Number of Dwellings	Approximately 2504
Property Valuation Area	\$14,185,625.00 Approximately: Land 20,110.9 acres; water 457.5 acres; total 20,568.4 acres 32.14 sq. miles.
Streets and Highways	About 150 miles.
Public Schools	Three elementary schools at Palmer, one each at Thorndike, Three Rivers and Bondsville, High School at Palmer.
Fire Protection	Fire Stations at Walnut St., Palmer, Main St., Three Rivers and Main St., Bondsville.
Police	Well-established and equipped department under William E. Holt, Chief, Telephone ATlas 3-7461.
Recreational Facilities	Legion Field (athletic), Eager Playground Burleigh Park, plus playground and recreational equipment at Three Rivers Common, Thorndike Grammar School and Endelson Playground, Bondsville.
Public Library	Central Street, Palmer.

Governmental Districts and Representatives for the Town of Palmer

United States Senators

Edward W. Brooke, Newton

Edward M. Kennedy, Boston

Representative in Congress

Second Congressional District

Edward P. Boland, Springfield

Councillor

Seventh Councillor District

Walter S. Kelly, Worcester

State Senator

✓ Worcester and Hampden Senatorial District

Hon Philip A. Quinn, Spencer

Representative in General Court

First Hampden Representative District

Alexander Lolas, Monson

County Commissioners

Lloyd W. Fradet, Springfield

Stephen Moynahan

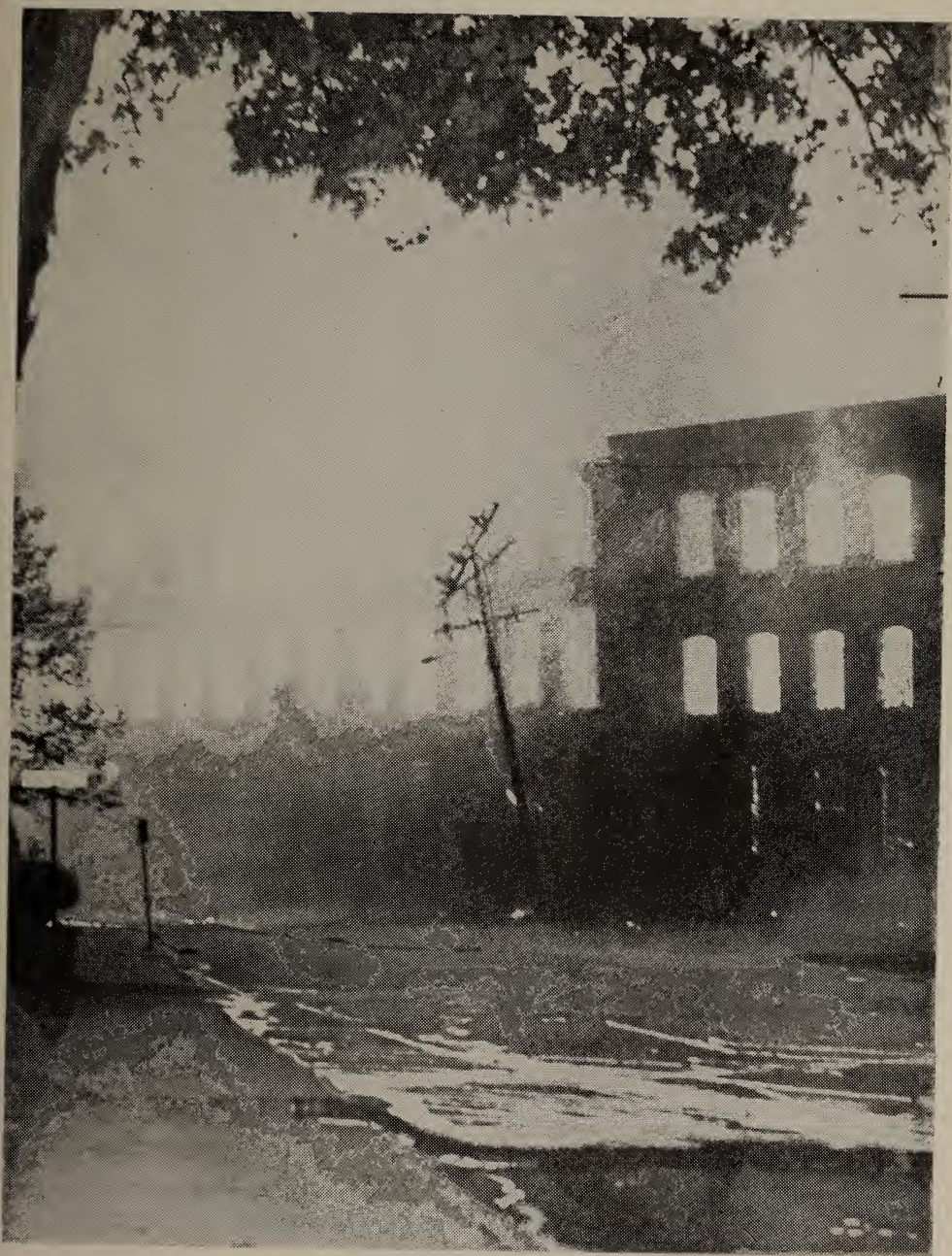
William F. Stapleton, Holyoke

District Attorney

Matthew J. Ryan, Jr., Springfield

Annual Town Meeting

February 3, 1969



A hose burns on the ground in the background, and a telephone pole is about to topple during the disastrous Bondsville fire on October 4, 1968

Report of the Board of Selectmen

The Board organized for the forthcoming year with Leo St. Amand Chairman, Thomas W. Haley Vice-Chairman and William J. Lemanski, Clerk.

The appointment of Attorney James Rooney as Court Prosecutor, to represent the Police Department in court cases, marks the first such position in the town.

Firm rules and regulations have been adopted for future street acceptances. It is believed that these rules and regulations will be beneficial to all concerned.

The Main Street in Palmer took on a new appearance when the established Parking Meters were removed, as requested by Town Meeting action. Merchants have informed the Board that the change has been very beneficial to improving business traffic.

State take-over of the Welfare Department eliminated the Town's responsibilities of handling Welfare activities. State laws dictated the elimination of the Board of Welfare. This Board has been replaced by a Community Service Board, appointed by the state, plus one local member appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. John Rourke was appointed as the Community Service Board representative. Office space at the Administration Building was leased to the state for \$1200.00 per year for use by the Welfare Personnel.

The Board has signed agreements for the acquisition of land known as the Royce Property, off North Street, Three Rivers, which will eventually be utilized for the Sewage Disposal Plant.

The schedule dictated by state authorities for construction to begin by 1970 is being strictly adhered to.

On October 4, 1968, the Village of Bondsville encountered the most destructive holocaust in the Town's history. The industrial complex housing six (6) different industries, was completely destroyed.

The Board of Selectmen and the whole Township is extremely grateful for the whole-hearted cooperation we received from all surrounding communities, as well as local participation.

Governor John A. Volpe declared Bondsville a Disaster Area and after numerous meetings with Federal, State, local and other officials, the Town of Palmer was designated as a Redevelopment Area in accordance with provisions of the Public Works and Redevelopment Area Act of 1965.

At numerous conferences with State and Federal officials, it was emphasized that the Town of Palmer must adopt Zoning and Master Land Planning to become eligible for participation in Federal and State programs. The Board of Selectmen recommend that serious consideration be given to adopting By-Laws for Zoning and Planning.

A Committee of five (5) was appointed to investigate the feasibility of establishing a Fire and Water District in the Village of Bondsville and to acquire the privately-owned Water Works. A Committee has also been appointed as recommended by the Federal and State officials, to program present and future planning for the growth and development of the Town of Palmer.

To complete above programs, an Industrial Finance Authority has been established to work in conjunction with above committee in aiding industry to receive financial assistance.

The Board offers its best wishes to Stephen J. Salamon who retired from the Police Department after many years of faithful and dedicated service.

We wish to thank the entire community, agencies and town departments for their assistance and fine spirit of cooperation during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO F. ST. AMAND

THOMAS W. HALEY

WILLIAM J. LEMANSKI

Town Officers - - - 1968

(Elective)

TOWN CLERK

John T. Brown

Term expires 1969

TOWN TREASURER, 1 year

Francis J. Lynch

COLLECTOR OF TAXES, 1 year

John T. Brown

SELECTMEN, 1 year

Leo F. St.Amand, Chairman

Thomas W. Haley

William J. Lemanski

ASSESSORS

William A. Coulter, Chairman

Term expires 1969

Joseph S. Gill

Term expires 1970

Alvin C. Rondeau

Term expires 1971

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

John K. McKenzie, Chairman

Term expired June 30, 1968

Stanley J. Izyk

Term expired June 30, 1968

John W. Rourke

Term expired June 30, 1968

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Michael J. Cavanaugh, Chairman

Term expires 1969

Joseph J. Malzenski

Term expires 1969

Kathryn M. F. Flaherty

Term expires 1970

William J. Ellithorpe, Jr.

Term expires 1971

Henry R. Trespas

Term expires 1971

John J. Dyl (appointed to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of William J. Ellithorpe, Jr.)

BOARD OF HEALTH

Chester J. Marhelewicz, Chairman

Term expires 1969

Maurice R. LePage, D.S.C.

Term expires 1970

Stanley P. Bernat

Term expires 1971

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Robert C. Brainerd, Chairman

Term expires 1970

Walter L. Chase

Term expires 1969

George S. Gay

Term expires 1971

LICENSE COMMISSIONERS, 1 year

Fred S. Tyburski, Chairman

Donald W. Belisle

Edwin M. Olearczyk

PLANNING BOARD

Wilfred J. LaViolette, Chairman	Term expires 1772
George W. DuComb	Term expires 1969
Russell C. Marier	Term expires 1969
Daniel V. Fogarty, Jr.	Term expires 1970
A. Ellis Sullivan	Term expires 1971
Stephen J. Midura	Term expires 1973

PARK COMMISSIONERS, 1 year

Walter A. Pluta, Chairman

Gerald J. Aliengena	Robert M. Laviolette
Richard J. DeMaio	Joseph J. Papuzenski

PALMER HOUSING AUTHORITY

Rev. Guy M. Judkins, Chairman	Term expires 1973
Richard E. Fontaine	Term expires 1969
Aloysius J. Tyburski	Term expires 1971
William J. Lemanski	Term expires 1972
State Member (appointed):	
Myrtle C. Davis	Term expires August 25, 1969

Town Clerk's Report

The following dog licenses were issued during the year ending December 31, 1968:

Males	632
Females	147
Spayed Females	364
Kennel	<u>8</u>
Total	1151

Paid Town Treasurer	\$2,519.25
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The following Vital Statistics were received for record for the year ending December 31, 1968:

Number of births	144
Number of marriages	121
Number of deaths	148

JOHN T. BROWN
Town Clerk

1968 Town Clerk's Report

VITAL STATISTICS

The attention of parents and others is called to the following Vital Statistics. It is important that the records should be correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered, the Town Clerk will deem it a favor to have the same reported to him at once, and he will make the corrections in accordance with the law. Parents should see that a proper return of birth is made as it may be of great importance in after life.

Births 1968

Date	Name of Child	Parents
JANUARY		
2	Kim Louise Fountain	Lawrence M. Jr. and Fumiyo
11	Michael Stephen Theus	Russell A. and Bonnie A.
14	Holly Ann Hochstadt	John W. and Carol A.
17	Donald William Brothers, Jr.	Donald W. and June K.
18	Sean Michael O'Brien	James A. and Gina M.
21	Alan Edward Hiersche	Ernest G. Jr. and Judith L.
22	Janet Marie Demers	Joseph R. and Carol A.
22	Angela Marie Lamb	James E. and Kathleen V.
23	William Arthur Plante	Henry D. and Dorothy E.
26	Melinda Ann Nichols	John A. and Yvonne M.
28	Cheryl Jean Anderson	Robert J. and Sandra A.
28	Barbara Elizabeth Silva	Albert A. and Barbara J.
FEBRUARY		
2	Alan Paul Bigda	Frank J. and Alice P.
3	Cheryl Anne Zebrowski	Albert P. Jr. and Marlene J.
6	Lynn Margaret St. Amand	Rejean J. and Shirley
8	Curt Dennis Massey	Francis C. and Carol A.
9	Lora Ann Sherman	Alan W. and Pauline A.
12	Michael Raymond Berthiaume	Raymond W. and Paula M.
13	Jay Scott Flegert	John P. and Donna M.
15	Robert David Roy, Jr.	Robert D. and Irene E.
16	Denise Marie Kusek	John J. and Cynthia G.
18	Glenn Edward Walulak	Edward L. and Caroline A.
20	John Joseph Templeton	John J. and Geraldine M.
23	Douglas Mitchell Roberts	Donald F. and Bethany A.
25	Robin Marie Zobka	Ronald F. and Marguerite M.
29	Charleen Sue Savoir	Kenneth E. and Susan M.
MARCH		
1	Joni Marie Giza	John J. and Carol E.
6	Harlan Edward Olson	Vernon E. and Rita L.
11	Michael Donald Manning	Charles E. and Ruth A.
13	Margaret Mary Landers	Thomas M. and Mary K.
14	Jane Kszepka	Joseph A. and Frances H.
14	Joan Kszepka	Joseph A. and Frances H.

Date	Name of Child	Parents
14	David Richard Perry	Richard W. and Cynthia A.
19	Karen Beth St. George	Thomas F. and Lillian
23	Michael Scott Olender	Stanley R. and Linda G.
24	Tina Marie Leroux	Richard L. and Diane L.

APRIL

1	Kelly Ann Donovan	William B. and Patricia C.
1	James Patrick Schwartz	Francis M. and Patricia A.
5	Eileen Hoey O'Brien	John D. and Margaret A.
9	Brian Joseph Boudreau	Norman J. and JoAnn F.
12	Petra Marie Balicki	Edward A. and Irene L.
15	Paul John Misiaszek	Milton F. and Judith B.
25	Timothy Michael Doyle	William J. Jr. and Elizabeth A.
26	Pamala Jean Councilman	Lewis P. and Jean D.
27	Arthur Bowman Singleton	Robert R. and Mary
28	Maureen Elizabeth Benoit	George T. and Karen E.
29	Lori Anne Martin	Antonio R. and Eleanor A.

MAY

1	David John Lukaskiewicz	John J. and Rosemary E.
1	Robert Patrick Williams	Roger J. and Barbara E.
2	Christopher Eugene Butler	Eugene W. and Judith A.
4	Christopher James Ballou	Robert C. and Shirley M.
5	Deborah Susan Brown	Stanley G. Jr. and Patricia A.
6	Marcia Lynn Ford	Thomas E. and Susan J.
8	Thomas Christopher Murray	Alphonse E. and Teresa B.
9	Ronald John Toney	Malcolm J. and Barbara A.
13	Patrick William Reep	William H. and Sandra L.
15	Sheila Marie Bowler	Michael P. and Shirley J.
16	Laura Lee Hunter	Francis J. and Lorraine R.
16	Kevin Patrick O'Connor	Patrick J. and Martha J.
17	Harold Lee Bushey, Jr.	Harold L. and Anita A.
22	Jennifer Margaret Paugh	James J. Jr. and Lois P.
29	Angela Dawn Santucci	Carlo D. Sr. and Norma J.
31	Joanne Beth Corbett	Charles F. W. and Susanne S.

JUNE

3	Leonard Alphonse Boudreau, Jr.	Leonard A. and Elizabeth E.
7	Kelly Ann Jusko	Edward M. and Patricia A.
9	Jacqueline Marie Cahill	James L. and Joyce M.
13	Amy Mae Bacon	Erwin R. and June L.
13	Corinne Renee Forcier	Maurice R. and Barbara A.
17	Turley	Patrick H. and Ann M.
20	Melissa Ann Moreschi	Carl J. and Kathleen E.
21	Sheryl Ann Fedora	Joseph A. and Virgel M.
24	Richard Edward Puduski, Jr.	Richard E. and Roberta A.
27	Alfred Bates	Charles E. and Genevieve A.
27	Tracey Lee Griswold	William R. and Bonnie P.
27	Beth Ann Silva	Richard and Beverly
29	Dawna Lynn Kszepka	Robert A. and Margaret A.

JULY

2	Jeannine Marie Bonnayer	Richard P. and Frances C.
2	James Allender Heiden	Allender J. and Eileen B.
2	Roger Leo Savage	Roger E. and Beverly A.
3	Frederick Edgar Foley	Francis F. and Kathleen L.
3	Laura Lea Roche	Bernard B. and Marlene J.
7	Tracy Louise North	Arthur C. Jr. and Debbie L.
8	Paul Francis Orszulak	Frederick W. and Barbara C.
8	Alan Christopher Smith	Raymond F. and Ellen M.
9	Susan Jean Couture	Robert R. and Winifred C.

Date	Name of Child	Parents
10	Tina Marie Dudek	Albert J. and Dianne T.
16	Matthew Michael Mega	Frederick F. and Susan H.
17	Donald Howard Moyer	Donald L. and Aleta R.
21	Alicia Maria Connor	Francis P. and Ruth H.
21	Pamela Jean Nowakowski	John S. Jr. and Barbara J.
23	William Matthew Kinney	George E. and Mary V.
27	Howard Stanley Dean	Charles W. and Beverly A.
28	Diane Elise Oppedisano	Frank M. and Laurette E.
29	Annette Marie Picciotti	Robert M. and Louise E.
31	Daniel James MacKenzie	John K. and Julia

AUGUST

3	Robert Lee Lamb	Raymond L. and Carol R.
3	Heidi Sue Moran	Wendell G. Jr. and Carolyn A.
4	Jack Michael Petrowicz	Michael E. and Ruth A.
6	Fox	Douglas and Sandra
10	Michelle Ann Murphy	James F. and Rose F.
13	Deanne Marie Boynton	Richard D. and Deane M.
15	Patty Ann Skowronek	Stanley B. and Patricia A.
18	Gordon Henry Kenyon, Jr.	Gordon H. and Wanda H.
20	Peter Thomas Scollan	Frederick T. and Susan E.
22	Pamela Jean Berthiaume	Robert W. and Suzanne R.
27	David Michael Robak	Ralph J. and Christine A.
28	Ann Marie Brozek	Fred P. and Betty A.

SEPTEMBER

2	Jeffrey Paul Tiraboschi	Lester P. and Barbara A.
4	Philip Alan Sienko	Martin P. and Susan L.
5	Monica Jean Cyran	Frank J. and Celine
6	Lisa Ann Swist	John S. and Dorothy J.
10	Thomas Wayne Stanley	Charles H. and Josephine A.
11	Michelle Marie Bradway	Frederick C. Jr. and Patricia M.
11	Laurie Ann Greany	William W. and Joanne F.
11	Richard Henry Wahlers, Jr.	Richard H. and Antonia M.
13	Lisa Marie Bacyk	William D. and Susan P.
18	Richard Gerard Forest	Andre C. and Lise M.
20	Elisa Constance Robinson	Russell H. Jr. and Evelyn
21	Michael Anthony Miceli	Lawrence R. Sr. and Darline J.
21	Penny Lee Pascale	Richard F. Sr. and Genevieve M.
23	Andrea Jean Paradis	Raymond T. and Beverly M.
29	Rhea Maragret Cavanaugh	Michael J. and Marjorie E.

OCTOBER

3	Charles Daniel Jenkins	Russell V. Sr. and Yvonne N.
8	Michael Nelson Joseph Bonsant	Nelson L. and Gloria G.
8	Daniel Alfred Joseph Bonsant	Nelson L. and Gloria G.
9	Suzanne Lynn Gendron	Joseph R. and Margaret A.
10	Robert Victor Morris, Jr.	Robert V. and Rose M.
10	Kenneth Wayne Patrie	Roy R. and Norma J.
11	Sondra Lee Smith	Brian D. and Arlene R.
14	Deborah Ann Horne	Ronald H. and Bonnie J.
18	Toni Marie Curry	Francis G. and Patricia A.
18	Cheri Lynne Hull	Daniel A. and Judith A.
22	Edward Carl Mandigo, Jr.	Edward C. and Patricia A.
23	Clifford Edward Lowell	John R. Sr. and Elaine D.
29	Robin Marie LaBonte	Raymond F. Sr. and Eva T.
31	Mary Theresa Lech	Walter P. Jr. and Margo A.

NOVEMBER

2	Christopher James Bardwell	James P. and Florence W.
6	Donna Marie Longe	Gordon K. Jr. and Eleanor M.
19	Michael Edward Tuttle	Raymond V. and Sally A.
23	Dawn Elizabeth Robbins	Donald F. and Ruth M.

DECEMBER

3	Tammie Ann Officer	James D. and Marianne
6	Steven William Higgins	Alton L. Sr. and Sandra M.
9	Christine Marie McCarthy	John J. and Evelyn
10	Stephen John Brady	John H. and Frances J.
10	Donald Lucien Casavant	Julian J. and Diane J.
11	Stephen Robert Kwasniewski	Stephen S. Jr. and Doris J.
16	Matthew Donald Charette	Norman R. and Janet B.
16	Jessica Marie Morrissey	James W. and Maura J.
20	Steven John Toutant	John C. and Cathy A.
29	Judy Ann Laviolette	Napoleon J. and Theresa A.

Marriages 1968

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence
JANUARY			Donna M. Devereaux	Palmer
6	Donald P. Eddy, Jr.	Wellesley		
6	Eugene F. Flaherty	Palmer	Regina McCarthy	Palmer
6	Robert F. Gilman	Palmer	Barbara A. Collins	Springfield
6	David F. Short	Palmer	Jeanne B. Cartier	Chicopee
13	Larry G. Benedict	Palmer	Susan A. McGuinn	Marshfield
27	Henry J. Berthiaume	Palmer	Louisemary Teczar	Ware
FEBRUARY				
6	James M. Johnson	Uhrichsville, O.	Helene Arden	Strongsville, O.
10	Lee M. Fountain	Palmer	Emily J. Allen	Rockville, Conn.
17	James R. Ruby	Palmer	Teresa M. Lombardi	Palmer
24	Donald L. Fitzgerald	Monson	Catherine M. Barry	Belchertown
27	David E. Auclair	Palmer	Susan D. Hayward	Belchertown
MARCH				
15	Richard M. Salois	Palmer	Beverly A. Severage	Palmer
18	James E. Mitchell	Monson	Cheryl A. Fountain	Palmer
22	Michael A. Moskal	Palmer	Karen A. Graf	Holyoke
23	Edward C. Mandigo	Palmer	Patricia A. Deyo	Brimfield
APRIL				
3	Charles F. Hale	Monson	Doris L. Tworek	Palmer
13	Ronald A. Tetreault	Brimfield	Mae Zagraniczny	Palmer
20	Roland R. Robitaille	Springfield	April H. Lane	Palmer
22	Sammie Malone, Jr.	Monson	Jacqueline A. Santucci	Palmer
26	Walter C. Braman	Holyoke	Jeannette I. Messier	Palmer
27	Terry A. Papesch	Palmer	Eileen M. Griffin	Holyoke
27	Robert L. Browning	Tolland, Conn.	Arlene A. Zebrowski	Palmer
28	Peter J. Alexopoulos	Westfield	Lanie L. Stosick	Palmer
MAY				
4	Dennis W. Dilley	Palmer	Jeannine I. Pierce	Palmer
11	Roger Lewis	Palmer	Marjorie D. Aiken	Palmer
11	Norman E. Meyer	Palmer	Shirley E. Thresher	Palmer
11	George E. Turner, Jr.	Wilbraham	Joanne Cook	Palmer
17	Walter J. Romaniak, Jr.	Palmer	Alice L. Merrill	West Bookfield
18	Paul W. Siddell	Springfield	Gretchen A. Flynt	Palmer
25	Daniel T. Cole	Palmer	Suzanne Tokarski	Chicopee
25	Walter P. Lech, Jr.	Palmer	Margo A. Hayes	Palmer
25	Edward F. Papesch	Palmer	Carole A. Parker	Palmer
25	Michael J. Santucci	Palmer	Janet E. Cousineau	Palmer
JUNE				
1	George L. Foskit, Jr.	Palmer	Christine F. Olson	Palmer
1	Robert A. Lavigne	Northampton	Betty A. Fairbrother	Northampton

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence
1	James W. Tyler	Palmer	Christine L. Simmons	Northborough
4	Gerald J. Aliengena, Jr.	Palmer	Joan A. McCormick	Lowell
8	James M. Nothe	Monson	Jayne K. MacKenzie	Palmer
8	Joseph V. Serrato	Monson	Kathleen S. Costa	Palmer
14	Ferd D. Quinn	Palmer	Shirley A. Brown	Brimfield
15	Robert D. Peritz	Palmer	Kathleen P. McCrystal	Ware
15	Joseph C. Rodowicz	Palmer	Anna S. Majerowski	Chicopee
22	Donald O. Berthiaume	Palmer	Valerie A. LaFlamme	Palmer
22	Louis C. Leone	Palmer	Suzanne L. Duncklee	Canton
22	Jack H. Moore	Palmer	Madeleine M. Theberge	Warren
22	Cornelius J. Murphy, Jr.	Palmer	Judith A. Zisk	Palmer
22	Robert C. Repsys	Palmer	Patricia M. Gracki	Springfield
22	William L. Smead	Nashville, Tenn.	Anne L. Crimmins	Palmer
22	Daniel L. Swist	Palmer	Anne Marie Dupuis	Belchertown
22	Edward P. Syriac	Belchertown	Sandra L. Olson	Palmer
22	Roger C. Tingen	Palmer	Patricia A. Martin	Monson
29	Clayton S. Dimock	Agawam	Sandra I. Slozak	Palmer
JULY				
6	John C. Toutant	Palmer	Cathy A. Lowe	Belchertown
6	Michael H. Walsh	Palmer	Cynthia L. Ploran	Holyoke
6	Edward D. Yargeau	Palmer	Elizabeth A. Tyburski	Palmer
7	John J. Pekarski	Deerfield	Charlotte M. Kowalczyk	Palmer
8	Frank C. Zisk	Palmer	Mary E. Wenniger	Brimfield
13	Anthony P. Misiaszek	Palmer	Stella T. Topor	Palmer
13	John A. Wells	Southbridge	Sharon A. Borey	Southbridge
20	Brian T. Daly	Palmer	Sharon A. Isham	Palmer
20	Dwight B. Fay	Palmer	Barbara R. Kendall	Palmer
27	Jerome D. Blum	Hartford, Conn.	Joanne M. Santucci	Palmer
27	Julian J. Cassavant	Brimfield	Diane J. Raymond	Palmer
27	Thomas M. Goodrich	Palmer	Terry E. Bates	Palmer
27	John N. Howe	Palmer	Marie E. Hackstock	Springfield
27	Francis G. LaForest, Jr.	Palmer	Linda M. LaValley	Palmer
AUGUST				
3	Robert R. Bousquet	Palmer	Christina George	Palmer
3	Arthur J. N. Daudelin	Palmer	Adele M. Otis	Palmer
3	Ronald E. Knowe	Fall River	Kathleen A. Ksen	Palmer
10	Thomas E. Misiaszek	Palmer	Helen M. Fabrowski	Springfield
15	Robert I. Pobieglo	Palmer	Sherry A. Mosbaugh	E. Mesa, Ariz.
17	Daniel D. Carr	Monson	Jane A. Dustin	Palmer
17	Thomas H. Sanville	Otis	Kathleen L. Daly	Palmer
24	John A. Benoit	Palmer	Joanne M. Tuttle	Ware
24	John H. Brady	Palmer	Frances J. Pobieglo	Palmer
24	George R. Chaples, Jr.	Palmer	Dina L. Doel	Springfield

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence
24	Joseph Michalcik, III Chicopee	Palmer	Sandra J. Sweetman	Palmer
24	Roger A. Rondeau	Palmer	Barbara A. Roberts	Palmer
31	Joseph W. Burns	Palmer	Gail D. Kowalczyk	Palmer
31	Theodore F. Podsodowski Ludlow	Palmer	Elaine A. Drozdowski	Palmer
31	Paul A. Satkowski Thompsonville, Conn.	Palmer	Linda J. Kapinos	Palmer
31	Walter H. St. Amand	Palmer	Patricia A. Sidur	Ware
31	Edward V. Wyzik	Ware	Harriet J. Hall	Palmer

SEPTEMBER

6	Ladislav Laviolette	Palmer	Julia A. Grzywacz	Ware
7	Kenneth C. Barton	Palmer	Grace A. Bennett	Palmer
7	J. Terrence Johnston Rochester, N.Y.	Palmer	Carol E. Sullivan	Rochester, N. Y.
7	Michael F. Trombley	Ware	Beverly J. Piatek	Palmer
7	William R. Wadas	Palmer	Patricia H. O'Dell	Palmer
14	Wayne L. Brodeur	Palmer	Wendy S. Hagen	Wales
14	Robert J. Koziol	Ware	Teresa B. Drega	Palmer
14	Bernard J. Romanik, Jr. Palmer	Palmer	Martha A. Sabourin	Palmer
21	John F. Hyland Bronx, N. Y.	Palmer	Faith L. Piccoli	Palmer
23	Robert Santos	Palmer	Elva E. Santos	Palmer
28	David W. Thresher	Palmer	Edna G. Grimes	Brookfield
28	Peter J. Warakowski Palmer	Palmer	Dorothy A. Opielowski	Palmer

OCTOBER

5	Richard J. Dernoga	Palmer	JoAnne H. Wegrzyn	Palmer
5	Michael E. Gralinski Palmer	Palmer	Beverly A. Picard	Palmer
5	Robert C. McLean	Palmer	Sandra J. Fox	Palmer
5	Ronald L. Rivers	Palmer	Linda J. Rolla	Ware
5	Alphonse A. Tousignan, Jr. Palmer	Palmer	Liane S. Fontaine	Palmer
12	Laurence J. Karpinski Ludlow	Palmer	Katherine M. Nevue	Palmer
12	Lance J. Rivers	Palmer	Janet V. Lizak	Adams
12	Steven W. Scharrett Palmer	Palmer	Barbara A. Wytas	Monson
12	David L. St. Amand	Palmer	Joan R. Paterno	Springfield
12	Laurent J. St. German Brockton	Palmer	Olive M. Marier	Palmer
19	Joseph F. Hunter	Palmer	Patricia A. Bailey	Hebron, Ky.
19	Donald S. Ridz	Palmer	Kathleen A. Smith	Ludlow
28	Robert W. Shorette	Palmer	Sally E. Robbins	Monson

NOVEMBER

1	Ronald J. Bigda	Palmer	Suzanne A. Moreau	Brimfield
9	Lester A. Barton	Palmer	Barbara A. Casey	Warren
9	Morris W. DeBoise	Palmer	Bonnie G. Nacsin	Palmer
16	Calvin C. Collins	Palmer	Ruth M. Pinney	Palmer
24	Demetrios Notidis Worcester	Palmer	Froso Kallis	Palmer
28	Terry D. O'Brien Woodside, N. Y.	Palmer	Dorothy M. Pelski	Palmer

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence
29	Frederick H. Smith, Jr.	Palmer	Jeanne M. Bernard	Palmer
30	Robert J. Powers	Springfield	Mary E. Meier	Palmer
DECEMBER				
10	Kenneth Wallace	Springfield	Nancy R. Stacy	Palmer
14	Earl D Noble	Monson	Natalie F. Kusha	Palmer
14	Stephen E. Polanski	Palmer	Margaret E. Tant	Monson
26	William M. Houtz	Hartford City, Ind.	Carol Faulkner	Palmer
27	Earl J. Mongeon	Palmer	Evonne A. Post	Palmer
28	Reginald J. Kowalik	Palmer	Carol A. Yesacavage	Springfield

Deaths 1968

Date	Name	Years	Months	Days
JANUARY				
2	Harriett C. Chapin	65	2	16
11	Peter Lesniak	48	—	26
12	Pierre Guy Begin, Jr.	—	—	12
12	Geraldine E. Black	48	6	2
17	Victoria M. Hastings	71	11	21
19	James F. Gloster	81	3	—
20	Vernard V. Buchman	70	8	5
20	Marion McCleary	75	5	1
23	Raphael F. Burke	62	11	21
27	Anna Wolanik	82	—	—
28	Samuel Berger	70	—	—
28	Fred Habel	77	9	17
FEBRUARY				
4	Alice M. Green	86	1	19
7	John E. Hopkins	61	4	19
7	Hedwig Kormannshaus	60	5	20
12	Wladyslaw Handzel	76	—	—
13	Ernest L. Bosworth	72	1	4
18	Frank P. Bastek	80	—	—
24	Boleslaw Walinski	76	1	11
MARCH				
8	Mary E. O'Neill	93	11	26
9	Anna C. Lane	82	7	18
13	Mary Cavanaugh	95	—	6
15	Clinton R. Rhodes	86	9	23
16	Levite B. Martel	59	8	13
21	Daniel F. Shea	81	5	3
25	Michael Scott Olender	—	—	2
28	Robert T. Levesque, Jr.	—	9	7
APRIL				
1	John E. Smart	71	6	14
1	Agnes Smith	76	5	8
3	Stanley F. Rys	70	8	15
7	Peter J. Karcz	81	—	—
7	John J. Wostena	61	4	30
8	Bronislaw S. Misiaszek	61	9	21
9	Harry Hilton	85	9	8
10	Brian J. Boudreau	—	—	2
12	Marie Bergeron	79	9	15
14	Rose Lockhart	70	10	1
14	Christina MacLeod	78	9	1
18	Rudolph S. Misiewicz	56	7	17
23	Mary Waskiewicz	77	—	—
25	Frank W. Carey	88	4	22
25	Frank Warka	83	4	17
28	Lillian Lusty	69	2	15
29	Elizabeth E. Quinn	77	7	9
MAY				
1	Frank T. Pytka	51	3	15
8	Joseph Lupa	72	9	11

Date	Name	Years	Months	Days
11	Alice Moore	60	6	4
13	Bertha Wachowski	56	11	12
20	Catherine M. Nichols	66	10	—
21	John E. Mastalerz	68	11	—
24	Edward W. Smith	79	—	13
27	Ellen Whitten	83	9	9
30	Boleslaw F. Noga	53	2	—

JUNE

1	Carroll F. Travers	66	3	4
3	Oliver A. Hebert	66	1	—
5	Clifford T. Brooks	55	4	18
8	Timothy A. Daniels	8	6	—
14	Edward A. Wolanik	56	—	—
17	Emma B. Swanson	80	6	6
19	Dorothy Fontaine	37	8	17
22	Stanley J. Niemiec	75	—	—
28	Agnes Wilk	75	—	—
30	May H. Witek	55	3	7

JULY

5	Bridget Szostek	74	7	7
6	Rosanna Rivers	92	9	16
7	Elizabeth M. MacDonald	77	11	27
7	Julia M. Monaghan	79	11	29
10	John S. Bobowiec	84	—	—
10	George H. Dunham	61	11	8
17	Pauline M. Corey	60	11	8
17	Eugene W. Mailman	61	—	23
17	Walter Topor	78	—	—
22	Monica A. Wilber	62	1	27
30	Rose Kapinos	76	—	—
31	Frank B. Haley	76	3	5
31	Lloyd W. Small	68	8	18

AUGUST

15	Sophie Piechota	66	—	—
16	Everett C. Kenyon	75	3	5
17	William H. Grady	84	7	8
18	Iona Laviolette	56	5	27
20	Peter Bryla	78	—	—
25	Albert W. Czepiel	88	—	—
25	Susan G. Smythe	63	9	—
26	Edward J. Pajak	66	—	—
26	Nettie E. Rich	82	9	19
28	Thomas F. Disley	41	—	17
28	Raymond V. Sansoucy	47	—	24
31	Matilda Chabot	80	1	3

SEPTEMBER

4	Joseph Lagasse	45	5	10
5	James C. Leonard	49	8	6
8	Rosalie Elizabeth Laing	61	2	23
9	Ernest J. Smart	52	5	—
10	Raymond R. Coache	3	4	24
11	Nellie Puta	66	—	—
16	Leon J. Jenard	70	8	20
18	Catherine Smola	75	—	—
23	Henry L. Cook	60	5	2
23	Maria Houle	59	6	15
24	John Midura	80	—	—
25	Ludwig B. Baldyga	80	—	—

Date	Name	Years	Months	Days
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OCTOBER

7	Tola Jalbert	58	4	4
8	Anna Makowiec	71	—	—
11	Albert P. Kapinos	61	—	—
18	Edna Brown	60	2	1
27	Michael J. Michonski	85	—	—
27	Bolec C. Zobka	63	—	19
28	Florence Marcoullier	85	9	17
28	Emma Schurr	85	9	17

NOVEMBER

1	Thomas J. Coogan	88	5	14
1	Shopie A. Wilga	56	—	—
1	John J. Zbylot	64	6	22
2	Rudolph J. Drzal	52	11	18
2	Pompeo Fantaroni	80	6	29
3	Vera Moran	89	4	5
8	Karolina Sharett Swierad	85	—	—
9	John J. Marcinek	72	—	—
15	Leola Pease	89	8	10
16	Dennis Goodreau	16	7	12
16	Jan E. Dymon	19	5	—
16	Susan Griffin	16	8	19
16	Lester Priest	74	5	3
16	Rita A. Ryder	39	4	24
17	Denise Roy	1	—	4
18	William J. Niemiec	48	11	10
23	Mary L. Gouvin	73	4	18
24	Orrin W. Smith	52	10	11
24	Ruby E. Smith	47	8	10
24	Arthur Westcott	46	8	14

DECEMBER

4	Theodore J. Bouthillier	73	2	11
8	Agnieszka Mastalerz	89	—	—
12	Norma Newell	61	7	16
17	Helen M. Warka	52	9	14
17	Marion Murray	86	5	4
18	Aurore Goddu	75	—	18
20	Ethel Weaver	85	4	20
21	Nellie Robinson	72	10	17
23	Horace J. Niemiec	60	—	—
24	Frederick L. Biccum	82	—	—
25	Joseph W. Fullerton	85	—	12
25	Charles S. Slosek	53	7	22
28	Christopher Ballou	—	7	24
28	David D. Lusty	65	8	3

Report of Civil Defense Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of the Town of Palmer

Herewith is the Annual Report of the Civil Defense Department.

The required semi-annual Program Papers for the year 1968 were submitted to the Federal Government and were approved. This maintains Palmer's eligibility for surplus property and matching funds.

During the past year, the radiological and monitoring equipment was collected from the shelters and home monitoring stations and returned to the Federal Government. It has since been replaced by more up-to-date equipment.

During the disastrous fire in Bondsville, an emergency operating center was set up in the Post Office in Bondsville. Our first concern was for the evacuated families to see that they were sheltered. This was done in conjunction with the American Red Cross.

The next problem was the lack of drinking water. Through the aid of the Springfield and Westfield Civil Defense, who furnished water tankers, this problem was taken care of.

During the fire, the pumps on Bondsville's fire trucks were badly damaged. In order to have fire protection for the community while these trucks were being repaired, standby pumps and fire equipment were brought in from several surrounding communities through the efforts of Mr. Robert Boulay, Director, MCDA, Area 4.

The Bondsville mill complex was one of Palmer's licensed fall-out shelters with a capacity of 4,128 shelter spaces which were fully stocked. All of these supplies were destroyed. Plans are now underway to acquire new shelter spaces to replace this loss. We now have approximately 2,500 remaining licensed and stocked shelter spaces in the town.

We wish to thank everyone who helped for their cooperation and give special thanks to Mr. Robert Boulay, Director, MCDA, Area 4, Mr. Bernard Griffin, Bondsville postmaster, Mr. Robert Gardner, Westfield Civil Defense, and Mr. Richard Shepardson, Springfield Civil Defense.

Total Appropriation		\$450.00
Salary	\$250.00	
Travel and Expenses	113.21	
Misc. Supplies	3.00	
Telephone	16.00	
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		67.79

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT BENEDETTI
Director

Cemetery Commissioners' Report

To the Board of Selectmen:

The Annual Report of the Cemetery Commissioners for the year ending December 31, 1968 is herewith submitted:

Appropriation	\$23,025.00
Expenditures	22,114.18
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Balance	\$ 910.82

During the year, receipts of \$7,616.59 were paid to the Town Treasurer:

Receipts from cemeteries	\$2,737.00
11 new Perpetual Care Funds	1,200.00
Perp. Care Int., on 591 Funds	3,679.59
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Total	\$7,616.59

Respectfully submitted,
 ROBERT C. BRAINERD, Chairman
 GEORGE S. GAY
 WALTER L. CHASE
 Cemetery Commissioners
 by Robert G. Faulkner, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

To the Board of Selectmen,
Town of Palmer, Massachusetts

Following is my annual report for the fiscal year ending
December 1, 1968:

Balance on hand January 1, 1968 \$533,295.40

RECEIPTS

Taxes, 1968	\$1,609,994.28
Taxes, previous year	95,550.22
Interest on taxes	4,671.01
Federal withholding taxes	177,543.65
Massachusetts withholding taxes	30,407.51
Blue Cross and Shield deductions	22,201.96
Group insurance deductions	3,186.62
Retirement deductions	21,335.91
School lunch receipts	87,033.37
Athletic association receipts	5,236.85
Court fines	2,019.60
Licenses and fees	11,925.00
Dog licenses	2,519.25
Cemetery department receipts	2,889.00
Perpetual care funds	1,200.00
Interest on perpetual care funds	3,679.59
Interest on savings account	1,200.00
Interest on trust funds	216.04
Anticipation of revenue loans	589,830.78
State aid to public libraries	2,589.50
Reimbursements from State and County, Chapter 90 Highways	55,804.66
Reimbursement from State, High School Construction	16,734.00
Reimbursement from State, Veterans' Benefits	19,534.60
Reimbursements for aid	121,067.40
State aid to highways — Chap. 616	13,297.00
Federal grants for aid	144,198.20
Tax title redemption	864.02
Smith Hughes Educ. fund	6,652.00
Federal Educ. grants, Titles 1, 3 and 5	19,810.71
School aid, Chap. 70	51,142.52
Special Education, Chap. 69/71	4,965.00
Group insurance dividend	841.00
Workmen's compensation dividend	487.00
State Tax basis	216,965.83
Corporation taxes	52,032.82
Meal taxes	3,651.74

District court rental	3,600.00	
Parking meter receipts	2,264.09	
Welfare office rental	500.00	
Memorial hall rental	462.50	
Trailer coach fees	6,552.00	
Refunds and recoveries	3,811.75	
Sealing fees	1,374.60	
Accident reports	465.00	
School aid, Chap. 58	117,775.36	
All other sources	6,770.60	
	<hr/>	\$3,547,944.54
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		\$4,081,239.94
Disbursements		\$3,605,034.16
Balance on hand December 31, 1968		\$476,205.78

Respectfully submitted,
FRANCIS J. LYNCH
Town Treasurer

Report of Assessors

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of the Town of Palmer:

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the
year ending December 31, 1968:

To be raised by Taxation	\$2,361,492.92
From Available Funds	
Voted June 12, 1967 — State Aid	2,000.00
Voted June 12, 1967 — Free Cash	16,800.00
Voted Sept. 30, 1967 — Free Cash	16,100.00
Voted Feb. 12, 1968 — Free Cash	44,247.00
Voted Feb. 12, 1968 — Parking Meters	6,563.01
Voted Feb. 12, 1968 — H. S. Building Fund	150.10
Voted Feb. 12, 1968 — State Aid	2,500.00
Voted May 13, 1968 — Free Cash	3,463.70
Voted May 13, 1968 — Selectmen's Misc.	675.00
Overlay Deficit (1964)	647.00
Overlay Deficit (1965)	774.00
School Lunch Program	10,604.35
Public Libraries	2,589.50
County Tax	76,554.50
County Tax Underestimate (1967)	2,253.97
State Recreation Area	8,286.94
State Recreation Area Underestimate (1967)	2,097.73
State Audit	4,911.14
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	1,132.50
Overlay	106,383.54
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	\$2,670,277.30

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Local Aid Fund	599,309.74
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	250,000.00
Licenses	9,000.00
Fines	2,000.00
Protection of Persons & Property	1,000.00
Cemeteries	3,000.00
Interest on taxes and assessments	3,000.00
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Total Estimated Receipts	867,309.74
Voted from Available Funds (1967)	34,900.00
Voted from Available Funds (1968)	57,598.81
From Free Cash	
Voted Feb. 12, 1968	150,000.00
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Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	1,109,808.55
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Net Amount to be raised by taxation on property	1,560,418.75
Tax Rate \$110.00 Per M	
VALUATION FOR 1968	
Personal Property	
Stock in Trade	\$158,290.00
Machinery	1,797,070.00
Live Stock	3,245.00
All Other	99,515.00
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	\$2,058,120.00

Real Estate

Land	2,119,490.00
Buildings	10,008,015.00

 \$12,127,505.00

Total Valuation

 \$14,185,625.00
Number of Livestock

Horses	27
Cows	398
Bulls	8
Heifers	29
Fowl	1,300
Number of acres of land	18,338
Number of dwelling houses	2,504

**RECAPITULATION FOR
MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE**

Date of Commitment

1968	Number	Valuation	Excise Tax
Feb. 9th	534	\$354,150.00	\$23,373.90
March 7th	461	303,770.00	20,048.82
April 1st	905	561,930.00	37,087.38
April 25th	979	578,350.00	38,171.10
May 24th	800	431,510.00	28,480.68
June 27th	1,151	729,080.00	46,609.22
Aug. 19th	694	541,860.00	29,341.48
Sept. 26th	424	330,665.00	15,189.37
Oct. 28th	458	443,880.00	16,666.79
Nov. 18th	319	305,890.00	14,204.57
Dec. 2nd	16	8,950.00	466.14
Dec. 6th	97	94,330.00	4,562.01
Dec. 24th	2	5,500.00	363.00
Dec. 30th	6	Dealers	900.00
	<hr/> 6,846	<hr/> 4,689,865.00	<hr/> 275,464.46

Excise Tax Rate \$66.00 per M

Exemptions Granted

1967 Levy	
Blind	\$136.31
1968 Levy	
Blind	1,507.00
Widows	3,613.50
Elderly	58,649.25
Veterans	29,364.50

Abatements Granted

1966 Levy	
Real Estate	801.00
1967 Levy	
Real Estate	819.00
1968 Levy	
Personal Property	972.40
Real Estate	7,601.00

Abatements Granted

Motor Vehicle Excise	
1967 Levy	3,215.29
1968 Levy	24,258.93

Respectfully submitted,
 WILLIAM A. COULTER
 ALVIN C. RONDEAU
 JOSEPH S. GILL
 Board of Assessors

Report of License Commissioners

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Palmer, Mass.

The board of License Commissioners issued the following licenses during the year 1968:

All Alcoholic	Annual	Seasonal
Innholders	4	0
Retail Package	4	1
Clubs	6	5
Druggist	5	0
Restaurant	4	5
Malt Beverages and Wine		
Restaurant	6	
Retail Package	2	
Common Victualler	51	

Several one day permits were issued during 1968 for Malt Beverages and Wine. The department turned over to the town treasurer the amount of \$9,396.00.

Respectfully submitted,
FRED TYBURSKI, Chairman
DONALD BELISLE
EDWIN OLEARCZYK, Clerk

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Town of Palmer, Mass.

Scales and Balances	Adj.	Sealed	Not Sealed	Cond'n'd
Over 10,000 lbs.	6	15	1	
5,000 to 10,000 lbs.	2	9		
100 to 5,000 lbs.	39	86	9	3
More than 10 lbs. less than 100 lbs.	15	64	1	4
10 lbs. or less	5	27		
Totals	67	201	11	7
Weights				
Avoirdupois	4	232	26	
Metric	2	99		
Apothecary		42		
Totals	6	373	26	
Liquid Measuring Meters				
inlet one inch or less				
Gasoline	15	87	15	1
Oil, Grease	1	26	9	
inlet more than one inch				
Vehicle Tank	4	19	1	
Bulk Storage			2	
Totals	20	132	27	1
Fabric Measuring Devices		1		
Linear Measures				
Yard Sticks		3		1

Trial Weighings and Measurements of Commodities

Sold or Put Up For Sale

Commodity	No. Tested	Correct	Under	Over
Bread	128	110	6	12
Butter	102	92	2	8
Charcoal	44	20	3	21
Confectionery	201	185	5	11
Flour	45	31	8	6
Fruits and Vegetables	243	202	8	33
Liquid Commodities	152	140	4	8
Liquid - Heating Fuels	75	53	4	18
Meats	561	511	27	23
Potatoes	105	55	10	40
Provisions	243	225	6	12
Grains and Feeds	55	33	10	15
Totals	1954	1654	93	207

Inspections:

Pedler's Licenses	4
Marking of Bread	496
Food Packages	1412
Charcoal in Paper Bags	44
Scales	210
Clinical Thermometers	75
Gasoline Devices (other than sealing)	32
Fuel Oil Meters (other than sealing)	24
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Totals	2297
Sealing Fees Collected	\$1,374.60
Paid to Town Treasurer	\$1,374.60
Appropriation	\$1,750.00
Expenditures	\$1,750.00
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Balance	00.00

The foregoing comprises my annual report for the period ending December 31, 1968.

Respectfully submitted,
 ALBERT A. NIEMCZURA
 Sealer of Weights and Measures

Report of Inspector of Animals

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Town of Palmer

Palmer, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

All inspections ordered by the Division of Livestock Disease Control have been completed and requirements of Section 19, Chapter 129 of the General Laws of Massachusetts have been complied with and reports filed with the Division at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

There were two shipments of cattle received in Town from other states. These were identified and released per order of the Division.

There were 170 visits made to examine and quarantine dogs known to have bitten persons. None showed symptoms of rabies and were released after 10 days.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS S. JACEK

Inspector of Animals

Report of Dog Officer

During the year 1968 for the first time a restraining law was put into effect. There were 34 reported dog bites. Delinquent dogs numbered 165 which was lower than the previous year. Dog complaints tripled. We now have approximately 1150 licensed dogs in this town.

Two coy dogs were shot in Three Rivers. With the help of Mr. Paul Mugford from the Division of Fisheries & Game a positive identification of these dogs being made.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH S. GOLAS, Dog Officer

Report of Milk Inspector

To the Board of Health and the Citizens of Palmer, Mass.

I respectfully submit my report on the following licenses issued for the year 1968:

42 Milk Store Licenses @ .50	21.00
14 Milk Vehicle Licenses @ .50	7.00
16 Oleomargarine Licenses @ .50	8.00
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	36.00

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK J. SWIATLOWSKI
Milk Inspector

Report of Inspector of Slaughtering

To the Board of Health and the Citizens of Palmer, Mass.

I respectfully submit my report on the following inspections I have made in the year of 1968:

8 Cattle — Total 8 Inspections

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK J. SWIATLOWSKI
Inspector of Slaughtering

Report of Forest Fire Warden

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Town of Palmer, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Forest Fire Warden of the Town of Palmer for the year 1968.

This department responded to a total of 65 calls during the year:

44 for brush and forest fires.

13 at the town dump.

8 Mutual aid to neighboring towns.

We also used the equipment several time for brush fires in the Palmer District. The equipment also was used at the Bonds-ville mills fire.

At this time I would like to thank all the fire chiefs, their officers, and men, the Palmer Police Department, and your Honorable Board for the cooperation and help I received during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

GUS A. THEODORE

Forest Fire Warden

Report of The Palmer Public Library

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Palmer:

This past year was an extremely active and productive one for your Library. We surpassed our goal of 60,000 books circulated, reaching a grand total for the year of 67,420. This amounts to a gain of 13.3 per cent for the year. Over 600 new borrowers were registered at the Library during this same period.

A major portion of this gain in circulation was the result of increased activity of our Bookmobile. On April 1, a new, fully re-conditioned vehicle was put into service by your Library. This is a much larger unit than we had in the past. We can, therefore, offer a much broader selection of books for both students and adults.

During the past year, the program of renovation at your Library took an impressive step forward with the complete redecoration and re-equipping of the Non-Fiction Room and office area. New, safe, metal stacks were installed to accommodate the complete non-fiction collection. Paneling, carpeting, drapes and new furniture were added, and the entire room was repainted. Within the coming year, we hope to continue this program of improving your Library facilities.

The Friends of the Palmer Library continued their activities this past year in support of the Library's own efforts. They constructed and installed bulletin boards in all grammar schools throughout the Town and posted them with information concerning new books, story hours and other Library functions. They also sponsored a party for the grade school children who participated in the Library's summer reading program.

Hours were increased in June with the addition of Friday morning openings. The Library is now open a total of 47 hours weekly with the Bookmobile in service an additional 12½ hours.

During the fall, your Library was host to 20 area librarians who attended a course in Classification and Cataloging under the direction of Mr. John Carey of the Western Regional Library System. Throughout the year, the Library has continued to borrow extensively from the Western Regional Bookmobile to augment the permanent collection.

Mrs. Gordon R. Dean, Head Librarian, since 1961, retired on December 31. She will be greatly missed by her many friends, the staff and trustees. We were fortunate in obtaining the services of Mrs. Edward Pelletier as Mrs. Dean's successor. Mrs. Pelletier joined the staff on October 1 and was named Head Librarian effective January 1.

Once again, we express our appreciation for the many donations of time, talent, books and other gifts from our patrons and borrowers. We also appreciate the generous support of the community. In the coming year, we will make every effort to provide even better and more diversified service to the entire town.

Respectfully submitted,

PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Walter A. Haggerty, President

Palmer Public Library

Income and Expenses Year End December 31, 1968

Income:

Balance Jan. 1, 1968		\$4,197.82
Appropriation — Town	\$33,600.00	
Trust Funds	4,326.16	
Fines & Rentals	768.92	
Donations	120.00	
Sale of Bookmobile	500.00	
Insurance Claims	207.68	
Trust Fund, Princ. Withdrawal	2,000.00	
		41,522.76
Total Receipts		45,720.58

Expenses:

Salary & Wages	23,688.13	
Payroll Taxes	1,050.48	\$24,738.61
Books, Mag., etc.	6,342.15	
Binding	310.54	
Cataloguing	312.94	6,965.63
Bookmobile Operations:		
Ins. & Reg.	328.42	
Gas, Oil, etc.	164.75	
Maint.	808.95	1,302.12
Telephone	209.64	
Lights	621.26	
Heat	694.45	
Insurance	1,384.60	2,909.95

Supplies:

Clerical	158.68	
Postage	37.75	
General	271.22	467.65
Maint. & Repairs	129.71	
Misc.	136.49	266.20
Equipment Purchased		1,045.89
Renovations		5,194.94
Rehang Front Door		134.98
Emergency Lights		480.50
Bookmobile		2,000.00
Total Expenses		45,506.47
Less Misc. Income		8.36
Balance on hand 12/31/68		222.47

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES J. BACON

Treasurer.

Examined and Approved,
January 8, 1969

ROBERT G. FAULKNER, Auditor

Report of Town Accountant

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1968:

R E C E I P T S

Taxes — Current Year

Personal	220,326.70	
Real Estate	1,141,863.28	
Motor Vehicle Excise	247,149.55	
Farm Animal Excise	654.75	1,609,994.28

Taxes — Previous Years

Personal	2,474.09	
Real Estate	68,440.29	
Motor Vehicle Excise	24,500.84	
Farm Animal Excise	135.00	95,550.22
Tax Title Redemption		864.02

From State:

Peddler's Licenses	34.00	
Loss of Taxes — State Properties	592.07	
Meals Tax	3,651.74	
Free Public Libraries	2,589.50	
Reimbursement, School Bldg. Assistance	16,734.00	
National Defense Education, Title III	9,232.23	
National Defense Education, Title V	2,538.48	
Smith Hughes - George Barden Fund	1,267.00	
Reimb., Hgwy Improvement Loan, Chapter 616	13,297.00	
Voc. Ed., Transportation of Pupils	1,200.00	
State Tax Basis, Ch. 58	216,965.83	
School Aid, Ch. 70, Ch. 58	117,775.36	
Special Education, Ch. 69/71	4,965.00	
Tuition	4,648.29	
Transportation	490.32	
School Transp., Ch. 71	44,803.91	
B.O.E. 67/152, School	2,013.00	
Smith Hughes, PL 88-210	5,385.00	
Machinery Basis	52,032.82	
U.S. Grant, Title I	8,040.00	508,255.55

Withheld from Wages

Federal Withholding Tax	177,543.65	
State Withholding Tax	30,407.51	
County Retirement	21,335.91	
Blue Cross Employees	18,290.57	
Blue Cross — Student	212.68	
Group Life Insurance	2,575.50	250,365.82

Blue Cross - Retired	3,698.71	
Group Life Insurance - Retired	611.12	4,309.83

Parking Meter Collection	2,264.09	
School Lunch Receipts	87,033.37	
School Athletic Assn. - Receipts	5,236.85	
Court Fines	2,109.60	
Trailer Coach Fees - 1968	4,932.00	
Trailer Coach Fees - 1967	1,620.00	
Rent from Hampden County for Court Room & Offices	3,600.00	
For use of Lockup by Monson, Wilbraham and Hampden	600.00	
Boarding Fee for Dogs	45.00	
Restitution for Forest Fires	50.00	
Sale - Coin Sorter Machines	100.00	
Rental of Welfare Office	500.00	108,090.91
Licenses — issued by		
License Commission		
All Alcoholic	6,300.00	
Malt, Beer, Wine	1,500.00	
Common Victualer	231.00	
One Day	65.00	
Seasonal	1,300.00	9,396.00
Board of Selectmen		
Garage	105.00	
Sunday	13.00	
Bowling	16.00	
Amusement Devices	320.00	
Entertainment	.50	
Fortune Telling	2.00	
Dancing by Patrons Only	1.00	
Auctioneer	9.00	466.50
Police Department		
Pistol and Revolver Permits	200.00	
Firearms	80.00	
Firearms I.D. Cards	1,480.00	1,760.00
Board of Health		
Milk Pasteurization	10.00	
Refuse Collection	2.00	
Funeral Director	4.00	
Septic Tank	66.00	
Ice Cream	40.00	
Milk and Oleo	36.00	
Camp	.50	
Motel	1.00	
Bottling	40.00	
Disposal Works Installers	55.00	
Massage & Vapor Bath	10.00	
Removal of Garbage	4.00	268.50
Town Clerk		
Dog Licenses		2,519.25
Refund from County		
Dog License — 1967	1,436.29	
Dog License — 1966	1,655.11	3,091.40

Grants

From Federal Government		
Old Age Assistance	19,779.49	
Aid to Families with Dep. Children	24,122.48	
Disability Assistance	8,706.35	
Medical Assistance	91,589.88	144,198.20

Receipts from General Department

Selectmen		
Rental of Memorial Hall		462.50
Protection of Persons and Property		
Bicycle Registrations	7.50	
Accident Reports	465.00	
Sealing Fees	1,374.60	1,847.10
Highways		
Sewer Connections	750.00	
Claim Damage to Snow Blower	21.63	
Sale of Used Snow Plow	145.00	916.63
Schools		
Rentals	243.00	
Vending Machines	12.00	255.00
Parks		
Damage to Legion Field		75.00
Chapter 90 - Construction		
State Share	31,872.53	
County Share	15,936.27	47,808.80
Chapter 90 - Maintenance		
State Share	3,997.98	
County Share	3,997.88	7,995.86
Reimbursements for Aid from Individuals		
Aid to Families with Dep. Children	6,498.00	
Old Age Assistance	452.20	
Veterans' Benefits	3,6877.78	10,637.98
Reimbursement for Aid from Cities and Towns		
General Relief		931.30
Reimbursements for Aid from State		
General Relief	2,731.93	
Disability Assistance	5,632.42	
Aid to Families with Dep. Children	19,137.89	
Medical Assistance	73,936.75	
Veterans' Benefits	15,846.82	
Old Age Assistance	11,554.36	
Health Dept., Care of Premature Babies	192.55	129,032.72
Cemeteries		
Perpetual Care Deposits	1,200.00	
Care of Lots	47.00	
Opening of Graves	1,460.00	
Foundations	12.00	
Sale of Lots	1,370.00	
Reimb. Cemetery Property Damage	25.00	4,114.00
Temporary Loans		
Anticipation of Revenue		589,830.78
Refunds		
General Relief	165.80	
Disability Assistance	375.40	
Aid to Families with Dep. Children	176.90	
Old Age Assistance	182.80	
Medical Assistance	1,181.02	
Veterans' Benefits	262.15	
Blue Cross	186.52	

Highways	144.73	
Schools	670.58	
School Athletics	460.05	
Workmen's Comp. Dividend	437.00	
Group Life Insurance	841.00	
Treasurer's Dept.	5.80	5,139.75
Interest		
On Taxes	4,671.01	
Savings Banks	1,200.00	
Merrick Fund	38.24	
Thompson Fund	42.80	
Fuller Fund - For Schools	45.00	
Fuller Fund — For Parks	90.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	3,679.59	9,766.64
Total Receipts		3,547,944.54
Cash. on Hand — Jan. 1, 1968		533,295.40
Total		4,081,239.94

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen		
Board Salaries	3,900.00	
Secretary	1,300.00	
Telephone	573.09	
Warrant Expenses	1,083.88	
Travel and Expenses	562.10	
Town Meeting Expenses	121.00	
Dues	123.00	
Stationery and Postage	137.90	
Maintenance of Office Equipment	104.50	
Office Supplies, Forms, Misc.	194.49	8,099.96
Selectmen's Contingent Account		
House Numbering	88.50	
Finance Committee	431.18	
Travel and Telephone Exp. of Gas Insp.	446.70	
Fires	237.75	
Expenses of Dog Officer	423.70	
Conservation Committee Expenses	73.74	
Consulting Engineering Services for Sewer Study in Palmer; for proposed waste, water treatment program and for services rendered in conjunction with flood control project in Three Rivers	973.47	
Legal Ad for Bids for Towing Cars	14.00	
Interest on Tax Anticipation Note	69.22	
Rent for Land on Water St.	88.73	
Snow Fence for Pee Wee Field	117.36	
Installation of Right Arrow at Park and Thorndike Streets	465.00	
Ad in Paper for Appreciation re: Bondsville Fire	50.40	3,479.75

Accounting		
Salary	7,800.00	
Clerical	1,486.90	9,286.90
Treasury		
Salary	8,176.00	
Clerical	4,907.00	
Telephone	75.35	
Stationery and Postage	394.82	
Surety Bond	345.00	
Maintenance of Office Equipment	105.06	
Office Supplies, Forms, Misc.	283.20	
Travel Expense	16.97	14,303.40
Collector		
Salary	5,530.00	
Clerical	4,396.40	
Telephone	131.08	
Surety Bond	248.00	
Stationery and Postage	873.24	
Printing Tax Bills	148.95	
Tax Title Taking Expense	31.14	
Office Supplies, Forms, Misc.	248.35	
Typewriter	163.75	11,770.91
Town Clerk		
Salary	2,120.00	
Clerical	1,283.20	
Telephone	131.60	
Bond	10.00	
Stationery and Postage	123.25	
Office Supplies, Forms, Misc.	163.07	3,831.12
Assessors		
Salaries	3,900.00	
Clerical	5,470.00	
Telephone	448.40	
Photostats	216.40	
Stationery and Postage	229.95	
Travel and Expenses	269.80	
Maps	800.00	
Binders, Forms, Applications	216.98	
New Typewriter	471.75	
Office supplies and maintenance of Office Equipment	256.64	
Dues, Subscriptions	116.80	
Binding	68.90	12,465.62
Law and Claim		
Salary	2,500.00	
Telephone	114.00	
Stationery and Postage	17.75	
Claims and Expenses	994.85	
Recording Fees, Dues, Misc.	189.00	
Legal Notices — Street Petitions	79.37	3,894.97
Election and Registration		
Salaries of Registrars	1,000.00	
Election Officers	3,955.50	
Ballots	179.00	
Tally Sheets and Voting Lists	1,055.25	
Registration and Listing	924.00	
Voting Booths	165.65	
Street Lists	387.60	

Misc. Election Expenses	201.04	
Supplies, Forms, Misc.	183.50	
Clerical	140.00	
Compensation — Town Clerk	50.00	8,241.54
License Commission		
Telephone	208.30	
Travel and Expense	226.15	
Clerical	25.00	
Forms and I.D. Cards	38.30	497.75
Palmer Town Building		
Custodians	2,505.00	
Lights	2,197.69	
Window Cleaning	225.00	
Water	58.31	
Panel Room #2	772.64	
Care of Grounds, Labor	598.50	
Plumbing and Electrical Repairs	314.98	
Sanor Germicide Fluid in Rest Rooms	129.50	
Supplies (towels, cleaners, fl. wax, misc.)	508.34	
Fuel	763.22	8,073.18
Memorial Hall		
Custodian	1,004.00	
Lights	124.46	
Water	17.00	
Misc. Supplies	42.04	
Electrical Wiring	1,489.92	2,677.42
Town Engineer		
Salary		4,000.00
Meter Account		
Labor	559.44	
Coin Wrappers	30.00	
Ad for Bids to sell Coin Machines	8.00	597.44
Art. 5 — Meter Removal		454.80
Town Dump		
Labor	3,710.00	
Fence	583.25	4,293.25
Art. 18 - Sanitary Land Fill at Town Dump		
Supt.	60.00	
Labor	407.68	
Ad for Bids to Push and		
Fill at Town Dump	10.80	
Contract Work - Push and Fill		
at Town Dump	4,387.85	4,866.33
Art. 22 - Sanitary Land Fill at Town Dump		
Contract Wk - Push & Fill at Town Dump		5,037.15
Total for General Government		105,871.49

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police	
Salary of Chief	10,207.80
Sergeants and Reg. Patrolmen	84,817.92
Special Police	11,200.64
Clerk	5,743.93

Matron Services	38.25	
School Crossing Guards	9,366.00	
Court Prosecutor	1,250.00	
Upkeep of Cruisers	926.13	
Equipment for Men	1,150.94	
Lights	109.62	
Telephone	789.65	
Radio Repairs	326.71	
Chief's Car Allowance	800.00	
Gas and Oil	2,987.96	
Meals for Prisoners	148.00	
Office Supplies, Postage, Printing	571.68	
Other Supplies, Equipment, Misc.	1,211.82	131,647.05
Police Department (cont'd.)		
Retirement of James F. Donahue		4,178.30
New Police Cruisers	3,310.80	
Tree Department		
Labor	1,995.98	
Trucking	827.00	
Tree and Stump Removal	642.00	
Trees for Planting	1,861.50	
Fertilizer	170.13	
Loam	67.85	
Supplies	72.25	5,636.71
Gypsy Moth		
Labor	1,791.10	
Trucking	648.00	
Insecticides	342.52	2,781.62
Dutch Elm Disease		
Labor	2,409.99	
Trucking	1,435.00	
Tree and Stump Removal	504.00	
Supplies and Repairs	362.32	4,711.31
Sealer		
Salary	1,180.00	
Travel Expenses	422.60	
Telephone	68.10	
Misc. Supplies	79.30	1,750.00
Forest Fires		
Warden's Salary	1,590.00	
Telephone	94.20	
Fires	1,303.50	
Gas	94.23	
Hose	415.00	
Repairs	105.55	3,602.48
Civil Defense		
Director's Salary	250.00	
Telephone	16.00	
Travel	113.21	
Misc. Supplies	3.00	
		382.21
Total for Protection of Persons and Property		158,000.48

HEALTH AND SANTATION

Board Salaries	1,500.00	
Agent	375.00	
Telephone	231.60	
Travel and Expenses	448.86	
Clerical	375.00	
Parochial School Physician	500.00	
Parochial School Nurse	243.08	
Polio, Measles and Triple Antigen Clinics	1,064.86	
Vermin Control	400.00	
Bait for Vermin Control	184.12	
Plumbing Inspector	145.00	
Public Health and T.B. Follow Up	327.00	
Visits at home by Visiting Nurse,		
Stationery, Postage	55.99	
License Books, Forms, Misc.	72.47	
Quarantine and Disposal of Dogs	24.00	
Animal Inspection	650.00	
Meat and Milk - Salary	450.00	
Meat and Milk - Expenses	140.00	
Palmer Visiting Nurse Association	1,500.00	
Vital Statistics	492.00	9,178.98
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Total for Health and Sanitation		9,178.98

HIGHWAYS

General Highway Maintenance		
Superintendent	676.20	
Labor	16,278.99	
Telephone	573.98	
Equipment Hire	786.00	
Supplies, Equipment, Repairs	17,456.61	
Gas and Oil	1,784.48	
Bituminous Material	112.08	
Water	15.72	
Lights	1,673.63	
Center Line Road Painting	668.64	
Rent, Storage Building	120.00	40,146.33
Art. 8 - Signs		
Labor	180.08	
Pipe	163.52	
Equipment Hire	45.00	
Material, Supplies	649.86	
Signs	820.69	1,859.15
1966 — Art. 33, Pine St., D		
Labor	395.90	
Equipment Hire	102.00	
Bituminous Material	4,000.00	4,497.90
1966 — Art. 58, Baptist Hill St., C		
Tree Removal		275.00
1967 — Art. 29, Flynt St., A		
Superintendent	615.60	
Labor	5,187.81	
Equipment Hire	1,201.00	
Gas, Oil	295.55	
Loam	284.00	

Gravel	410.80	
Sand	213.80	
Bituminous Material	769.14	8,977.70
1967 — Art. 28, Summer St., B		
Superintendent	162.00	
Labor	2,157.76	
Equipment Hire	632.00	
Gas, Oil	55.31	
Loam	396.80	
Gravel	241.60	3,645.47
Art. 30 — High St., B		
Superintendent	81.00	
Labor	469.00	
Bituminous Material	2,723.89	
Gas, Oil	293.46	3,567.35
Art. 31 — Rondeau Rd., B		
Superintendent	94.80	
Labor	618.28	713.08
Art. 32 — Off Rondeau Rd., B		
Superintendent	105.00	
Labor	584.84	689.84
Art. 34 — Sylvia St., C		
Bituminous Material		1,182.74
1967 — Art. 36 Pine St., D		
Superintendent	826.20	
Labor	5,279.69	
Misc. Supplies & Repairs	74.00	
Bituminous Material	5,550.39	
Gas, Oil	1,099.50	
Loam	676.95	
Equipment Hire	912.00	
Gravel	273.60	
Settlement of Claim	200.00	14,892.33
Art 37 — Jim Ash Rd., D		
Superintendent	64.80	
Labor	809.32	
Equipment Hire	252.00	1,126.12
Art. 38 — Water St., A		
Superintendent	162.00	
Labor	1,454.54	
Equipment Hire	565.00	
Pipe	5,041.42	
Gravel	502.99	7,725.95
Art. 39 — Shearer St., A		
Superintendent	81.00	
Labor	645.58	
Equipment Hire	149.50	
Bituminous Material	2,223.00	3,099.08
Art. 40 — Temple St., A		
Superintendent	97.20	
Labor	722.32	
Bituminous Material	314.87	1,134.39
Art. 43 — Off Springfield St., A		
Labor	205.30	
Equipment Hire	90.00	295.30

Art. 46 — Main St. - A			
Superintendent	108.60		
Labor	546.82		
Bituminous Material	3,560.87		
Cement	11.60	4,227.89	
Total for Highways			98,055.62
Art. 11 — Chap. 90 — Maintenance			
Superintendent	145.80		
Labor	2,122.00		
Entry Fee for Filing	5.00		
Bituminous Material	8,364.03		
Equipment Hire	456.00		
Center Line Road Painting	900.00	11,992.83	
Art. 27 — Chap. 90 Construction			
Springfield St. - C and Thorndike St. - A			
Superintendent	708.60		
Labor	6,190.47		
Materials, Supplies	123.59		
Pipe	453.71		
Equipment Hire	5,666.50		
Gas, Oil	271.06		
Loam	148.00		
Police Traffic Duty	122.50		
Bituminous Material	7,185.56		
Sand	389.77		
Gravel	2,044.74	23,304.50	
Art. 19— Chap. 90 Const. Thorndike St. - A			
Superintendent	243.00		
Labor	2,134.40		
Gas & Oil	799.53		
Bituminous Material	13,182.56		
Equipment Hire	851.50		
Cement Posts & Cement	174.75		
Gravel	647.60		
Loam	468.45		
Granite Inlets	394.20		
Police Traffic Duty	196.00		
Entry Filing Fee	5.00		
Calcium Chloride & Seed	178.10	19,275.09	
Surface Treatment of Streets with			
Bituminous Materials			
Superintendent	692.40		
Labor	6,789.27		
Liquid Bituminous Material	1,492.07		
Concrete Bituminous Material	7,828.14		
Sand	388.40		
Gas	241.17		
Gravel	17.10	17,448.55	
Snow Removal			
Superintendent	1,786.80		
Labor	19,155.65		
Equipment Hire	6,108.75		
Repairs, Tools & Equipment	2,788.40		
Gas and Oil	2,353.41		
Salt	5,722.10		
Sand	2,518.84		
Town of Wilbraham	177.00		
Town of Ware	540.00	41,150.95	

Art. 17 — Highway Equipment		
Advertisements for Bids	24.80	
Snow Blower	5,987.90	
Air Compressor	5,716.55	
24,000 GVW Truck	3,586.84	
30,000 GVW Truck	9,020.00	
Snow Plow	1,196.00	
Two Sand Spreaders	5,626.00	31,158.09

SEWERS AND CULVERTS

General Maintenance		
Superintendent	1,129.80	
Labor	8,357.24	
Equipment Hire	735.00	
Supplies, Equip., Repairs	563.62	
Sewer Line Rights	53.00	
Pipe & Fittings	2,084.69	
Gas & Oil	209.95	
Cleaning Catch Basins	2,570.70	
Catch Basins and Man Holes	296.00	16,000.00
1967 Art. 51A — Thorndike St. - A		
Payment to Contractor	4,458.46	4,458.46
Art. 49A — High and Church St. - B		
Superintendent	162.00	
Labor	1,015.48	
Pipe	611.27	
Equipment Hire	21.00	1,809.75
Art. 49B — Church St. - A		
Superintendent	97.20	
Labor	646.52	
Pipe	174.67	918.39
Total for Sewers and Culverts		23,186.60
Art. 23 — Purchase Land for Const. Sewage Treatment Plant		
Payment for Site	4,200.00	4,200.00

SIDEWALKS AND CURBS

General Maintenance		
Superintendent	307.80	
Labor	2,018.52	
Concrete	172.55	2,498.87
1966 Art. 72A — Pine St. - D		
Stump Removal	40.00	
Retaining Wall	1,839.07	
Materials, (Concrete, etc.)	496.00	2,375.07
1967 Art. 53A — Thorndike St. - A		
Superintendent	210.60	
Labor	1,186.84	
Concrete	354.00	
Bituminous Material	22.05	1,773.49
1967 Art. 53E — Thorndike St. - A		
Superintendent	291.60	
Labor	1,849.54	
Stump Removal	155.00	
Concrete	914.50	
Misc. Supplies	64.24	3,274.88

1967 Art. 53F — Riverview Pkwy. - A		
Superintendent	48.60	
Labor	429.73	
Loam	30.00	
Concrete	258.14	
Misc. Supplies	18.38	784.85
Art. 50C — Sylvia St. - C		
Superintendent	81.00	
Labor	678.26	
Concrete	228.63	
Oil	11.13	
Grass Seed	36.00	1,035.02
Art. 50E — Palmer St. - C		
Labor	152.87	
Bituminous Material	225.00	
Loam	153.90	531.77
Art. 50F — Palmer St. - C		
Supt.	178.20	
Labor	1,434.49	
Supplies, Material	29.20	
Bituminous Material	480.00	
Oil	11.82	
Concrete	696.94	
Gravel	179.95	3,010.60
Art. 50H — Pine St. - D		
Supt.	162.00	
Labor	1,297.52	
Materials, Supplies	94.92	
Concrete	1,494.63	
Retaining Wall	600.00	3,649.07
Art. 50I — Water St. - A		
Supt.	275.40	
Labor	1,941.02	
Concrete	1,438.13	3,654.55
Art. 50M — Highland St. - A		
Supt.	16.20	
Labor	195.88	
Concrete	266.50	478.58
Art. 50N — Baptist Hill Rd. - A		
Bituminous Material	240.00	240.00
Art. 50O — Riverview Pkwy - A		
Supt.	81.00	
Labor	657.38	
Concrete	177.00	915.38
Art. 50P — South Main St. - A		
Labor	310.76	
Concrete	36.88	347.64
Total for Sidewalks & Curbs		24,569.77

CHARITIES

General Relief	
Board Salaries	412.50
Administrative Salaries	3,794.13
Groceries & Provisions	1,117.97

Fuel & Light	244.35	
Rent & Board	446.00	
Hospital & Medical Expenses	2,718.74	
Cash Grants	2,361.80	
Other Expenses	197.78	11,293.27
Old Age Assistance		
Board Salaries	412.50	
Administrative Salaries	1,080.74	
Administrative Expenses	656.88	
Grants	29,361.85	31,511.97
Aid to Families with Dependent Children		
Administrative Salaries	3,478.49	
Administrative Expenses	361.35	
Grants	45,206.22	49,046.06
Disability Assistance		
Administrative Salaries	1,086.51	
Administrative Expenses	164.22	
Grants	15,364.35	16,615.08
Medical Assistance		
Medicaid	192,936.67	192,986.67
Veterans Benefits		
Salary	6,700.00	
Administrative Expenses	385.57	
Fuel	32.00	
Telephone	220.00	
Medical	16,567.53	
Dental	619.00	
Provisions	911.03	
Ordinary Allowances	27,185.88	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	825.85	
Grave Markers	21.50	
Burial Allowances	175.00	53,643.36
Total for Charities		355,096.41

SCHOOLS

Administrative Salaries	26,822.56	
Administrative Expenses	2,181.92	
Instruction, Salaries	799,358.94	
Instruction, Expenses	94,254.70	
Attendance Officer	220.00	
Health	10,059.03	
Transportation	91,435.45	
Custodians	51,038.11	
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	55,340.48	
Insurance	7,826.66	
Community Service	864.91	
Equipment	29,229.31	
Trade School — Salaries	1,074.00	
Trade School — Expenses	20,204.55	
Tuition	996.34	
Repairs	33,054.13	
Teacher Aides	5,402.27	
Other School Expenses	1,197.50	
Group Life Insurance	1,497.00	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	10,995.64	1,243,053.50

Schools — continued

School Lunch - Salaries	24,826.38	
School Lunch - Expenses	65,892.69	
School Athletics	5,415.68	
Nat'l Defense Educ., Title 3	12,742.88	
Nat'l Defense Educ., Title 5	4,211.18	
Smith Hughes Fund	1,173.87	
Smith Hughes, Work Study Program	5,730.00	
Business and Office Educ. Program	2,013.00	
Title I, Educ. Children Low Inc. Fam.	8,040.00	
School Site and Bldg. Com.	1,850.95	
Pathfinder Regional Vocational		
Technical High School District	2,963.70	
Art. 11, for use of school unpaid bills	4,349.45	
Int. on Fuller Fund for Schools	335.65	
Interest on School Bonds	17,925.00	
Principal on School Bonds (includes		
150.10 from H.S. addition non-revenue)	55,000.00	212,470.43

CEMETERIES

Labor	13,078.25	
Secretary	1,250.00	
Trucking	800.00	
Fertilizer	410.00	
Loam	100.00	
Lights	12.50	
Supplies, Repairs	957.47	
Gas	120.51	
Snow Removal	200.00	
Bituminous Road Paving	3,422.00	
Equipment Hire	65.86	
New Mower and Trimmer	723.50	
Fence	1,119.00	
Brush Cutting	48.00	
Misc. Expenses	19.09	22,326.18

PARKS

Labor	26,004.14	
Clerical	50.00	
Trucking	780.00	
Gas & Oil	340.35	
Lights	362.72	
Supplies and Repairs	2,049.33	
Water	13.50	
See Saws and Swing Seats	711.98	
Snow Removal	120.00	
Equipment Hire	382.00	
Telephone	81.84	
Misc. Expenses	89.00	30,984.86

BURLEIGH PARK

Wading Pool	9,441.85	
Additional Work & Materials for wading pool	409.00	
Installation of 3 Doors	154.38	
Electricity	10.00	
Misc. Expenses	22.87	10,038.10

Maintenance of Grounds at
PEE WEE PARK

Labor	922.50	
2 Sets Bases	70.00	992.50
1965 Art. 27 — Pee Wee Diamond		
Water Pipe	91.10	
Paint and Painting Fence	41.34	
Misc. Supplies	62.68	195.12
Art. 21 — Park & Recreation Committee		
Wages	3,600.00	
Misc. Supplies	30.17	
Recreation Supplies	1,216.43	
Travel Expense	100.00	
Bus Transportation	544.05	
Dues	8.50	5,499.15
Art. 29 — Rebuild Legion Field		
Legal Notices	49.75	
Re-turfing of Football Field	8,550.00	8,599.75

UNCLASSIFIED

Street Lighting	31,092.93	
General Insurance	13,665.85	
Garbage Collection	13,800.00	
Town Fire Engineers	75.00	
Town Reports	1,365.30	
Memorial Day Parade	650.00	
County Retirement Assessment	39,267.00	
County Aid to Agriculture	75.00	
Rent for Quarters of WWI Vets	100.00	
Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Dist.	828.64	
Assess. by State on Three Rivers Flood Control Project	24,609.38	
Tax and Interest due Bondsville Fire Dist.	45.65	
Tax and Interest due Three Rivers Fire Dist.	38.91	
Dog Licenses to County	2,435.50	
Planning Board Expenses	409.69	
State Recreation Areas	9,546.47	
County Tax	75,520.73	
Beverage Licenses to State	20.00	
Perpetual Care Funds	500.00	
Refunds	19,140.29	
State Audit	4,911.14	
State Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	1,132.50	
Federal Withholding Taxes	189,181.17	
State Withholding Taxes	29,067.06	
County Retirement	21,253.16	
Blue Cross	26,021.06	
Blue Cross - Retired	3,489.46	
Blue Cross - Student	202.86	
Group Life Insurance	3,650.00	
Group Life Insurance - Retired	467.10	
Palmer Public Library	33,600.00	
Anticipation of Revenue Loan	589,830.78	
Interest on Anticipation Revenue Loan	10,100.00	

Wing Memorial Hospital	2,000.00	
Bondsville Fire Expenses	292.58	<u>1,148,385.21</u>
GRAND TOTAL		3,605,034.16
Cash on Hand December 31, 1968		<u>476,205.78</u>
TOTAL		4,081,239.94

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH S. GILL

Town Accountant

Town of Palmer, Massachusetts

Balance Sheet

December 31, 1968

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash			
General Account Receivable:	\$476,205.78	Payroll Deductions:	\$1,308.28
Taxes:		Federal Taxes	2,924.63
Levy of 1964:		State Taxes	1,889.45
Personal	15.60	County Retirement System	2,610.76
Levy of 1965:		Blue Cross and Blue Shield	736.66
Personal	18.00	Group Life Insurance	9,469.78
Levy of 1966:		Agency	115.00
Personal	211.10	Dog Licenses — For County	
Real Estate	240.30	Tailings	663.95
Levy of 1967:		Unclaimed Checks	
Personal	933.52	Trust Fund Income	671.26
Real Estate	3,785.45	Fuller, Parks	
Levy of 1968:		Gifts and Bequests	
Personal	5,094.10	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	700.00
Real Estate	98,375.17	Federal Grants:	
	108,673.24	Disability Assistance:	470.68
		Administration	1,387.01
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		Assistance	
Levy of 1963	297.00	Aid to Dependent Children:	
Levy of 1964	226.22	Administration	455.59
Levy of 1965	355.69	Assistance	4,553.09
Levy of 1966	1,838.49	Medical Assistance:	
Levy of 1967	2,524.16	Administration	885.00
Levy of 1968	12,052.86	Assistance	25,181.55
	17,294.42	Old Age Assistance:	
		Administration	198.41
Farm Animal Excise:		Assistance	2,812.89
Levy of 1968	70.25		

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Tax Titles and Possessions:		School:	
Tax Titles	6,817.81	Smith — Hughes Fund	1,282.42
Tax Possessions	717.94	National Defense Education	2,109.69
	7,535.75	State and County Assessment — 1968	1,033.77
		County Tax	
Departmental:		Revolving Funds:	4,206.90
Disability Assistance	278.46	School Lunch	291.29
Medical Assistance	1,331.95	School Athletics	4,498.19
Veteran's Service	18,301.84		
School	789.50	Appropriation Balances:	
Selectmen	902.00	Revenue	113,851.60
Cemetery	598.51	General	9,000.00
	22,202.26	Sale of Real Estate Fund	15,346.00
		Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	
Aid to Highways:		Receipts Reserved for Appropriations:	
State	19,300.00	Parking Meters	2,264.09
County	11,650.00	State Aid to Libraries	5,447.50
	30,950.00		7,711.59
Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:		Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus	26,458.08
Underestimate 1968		Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
State Recreation Areas		Levy of 1966	451.40
Assessment	1,259.53	Levy of 1967	4,718.97
County Hospital		Levy of 1968	4,675.89
Assessment (1963)	133.17	Revenue Reserved until Collected:	
	1,392.70	Motor Vehicle Excise	17,294.42
		Farm Animal Excise	70.25
		Tax Title and Possession	7,535.75
		Departmental	22,202.26
		Aid to Highway	30,950.00
Overdrawn Appropriation:			
Snow Removal	16,150.95	Surplus Revenue	78,052.68
	680,475.35		363,720.86
			680,475.35

Town of Palmer, Massachusetts
BALANCE SHEET — December 31, 1968

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt		
Inside Debt Limit		
General	150,000.00	120,000.00
		30,000.00
Outside Debt Limit		
General	420,000.00	150,000.00
		420,000.00
	<u>570,000.00</u>	<u>570,000.00</u>

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TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds		
Cash and Securities		
in Custody of Town Treasurer		
	86,909.28	951.28
		850.00
		1,000.00
		2,000.00
		82,108.00
	<u>86,909.28</u>	<u>86,909.28</u>

**UNEXPENDED BALANCES OF APPROPRIATIONS
DECEMBER 31, 1968**

Account	Appropriations Transfers, Refunds Reimbursements	Expended	Balance
Selectmen's Salaries	3,900.00	3,900.00	
" Other Expenses	4,200.00	4,199.96	.04
" Contingent Acct.	3,500.00	3,479.75	20.25
Accountant's Salary	7,800.00	7,800.00	
Accountant's Clerical	1,600.00	1,486.90	113.10
Treasurer's Salary	8,176.00	8,176.00	
Treasurer's Clerical	4,907.00	4,907.00	
Treasurer's Other Expenses	1,225.80	1,220.40	5.40
Collector's Salary	5,530.00	5,530.00	
" Clerical	4,815.00	4,396.40	418.60
" Other Expenses	2,000.00	1,844.51	155.49
Town Clerk's Salary	2,120.00	2,120.00	
" " Clerical	1,284.00	1,283.20	.80
" " Other Expenses	700.00	427.92	272.08
Registrars' Salaries	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Election & Registration Exp.	8,500.00	7,241.54	1,258.46
Assessors' Salaries	3,900.00	3,900.00	
Assessors' Clerical	5,470.00	5,470.00	
Assessors' Other Expenses	2,300.00	2,295.62	4.38
Assessors' Maps	800.00	800.00	
Salary of Town Counsel	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Law & Claim - Claims & Other Expenses	3,750.00	1,394.97	2,355.03
License Commission Expenses	500.00	497.75	2.25
Memorial Hall —			
Custodian's Salary	1,004.00	1,004.00	
Maintenance	1,731.00	1,673.42	57.58
Palmer Town Bldg. —			
Custodian's Salary	2,505.00	2,505.00	
Care of Grounds	600.00	598.50	1.50
Other Expenses	5,650.00	4,969.68	680.32
1934 Art. 5, Const. Park Lot —			
Town Adm. Bldg.	902.53		902.53
Town Engineer	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Town Dump — Labor	3,710.00	3,710.00	
Town Dump — Expenses	600.00	583.25	16.75
Art. 18 Sanitary Land Fill			
Refuse Disposal Area, 1967	4,866.33	4,866.33	
Art. 22 Sanitary Land Fill for			
Refuse & Disposal Area	7,500.00	5,037.15	2,462.85
Meter Account	3,000.00	1,272.44	1,727.56
Art. 5 — Removal Park'g Meters	675.00	454.80	220.20
Police Salaries	123,553.34	122,624.54	928.80
Police Expenses	10,000.00	9,022.51	977.49
Police Retirement	4,178.30	4,178.30	
Art. 16 Police Cruisers	3,500.00	3,310.80	189.20
Civil Defense — Salary	250.00	250.00	
Civil Defense — Expenses	200.00	132.21	67.79
Forest Warden's Dept.			
Warden Salary	1,590.00	1,590.00	
Expenses	2,100.00	2,012.48	87.52

Account	Appropriations Transfers, Refunds Reimbursements	Expended	Balance
Bondsville Fire Expenses	300.00	292.58	7.42
Tree Warden Dept. —			
Labor	2,150.00	1,995.98	154.02
Expenses	3,650.00	3,640.73	9.27
Dutch Elm Disease			
Labor	2,600.00	2,409.99	190.01
Expenses	2,400.00	2,301.32	98.68
Gypsy Moth			
Labor	1,800.00	1,791.10	8.90
Expenses	1,000.00	990.52	9.48
Sealer's Salary	1,180.00	1,180.00	
Sealer's Expenses	570.00	570.00	
Board of Health Salaries	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Board of Health Agent	375.00	375.00	
Tuberculosis and Other Exp.	8,210.00	4,071.98	4,138.02
Meat & Milk Inspection —			
Salary	450.00	450.00	
Expenses	140.00	140.00	
Animal Inspection, Salary & Exp.	650.00	650.00	
Vital Statistics	1,600.00	492.00	1,108.00
Palmer Visiting Nurse Assoc.	1,500.00	1,500.00	
General Highway Maintenance	42,006.87	40,146.33	1,860.54
Art. 8 - Signs - Highway	2,000.00	1,859.15	140.85
Art. 17 - Highway Equipment	38,000.00	31,158.09	6,841.91
1965 Art. 29 - Est. School Zones	1.00		1.00
1966 Art. 33 - Pine St. - D	4,500.00	4,497.90	2.10
1966 Art. 55 - Gates St. - B		2,690.00	2,690.00
1966 Art. 58 - Baptist Hill St. - C	1,366.44	275.00	1,091.44
1967 Art. 29 - Flynt St. - A	9,000.00	8,977.70	22.30
1967 Art. 44 - Baptist Hill St. - C	4,000.00		4,000.00
1967 Art. 28 - Summer St. - B			
Chap. 616	3,697.00	3,645.47	51.53
Art. 30 - High St. - B	3,780.00	3,567.35	212.65
Art. 31 - Rondeau Rd. - B	2,000.00	713.08	1,286.92
Art. 32 - Off Rondeau Rd. - B	1,000.00	689.84	310.16
Art. 34 - Sylvia St. - C	1,350.00	1,182.74	167.26
Art. 36 - Pine St. - D Chap 616	15,100.00	14,892.33	207.67
Art. 37 - Jim Ash Rd. - D	5,000.00	1,126.12	3,873.88
Art. 38 - Water St. - A	9,000.00	7,725.95	1,274.05
Art. 39 - Shearer St. - A	3,100.00	3,099.08	.92
Art. 40 — Temple St. - A	1,242.00	1,134.39	107.61
Art. 41 - Breckenridge St. - A	9,000.00		9,000.00
Art. 42 - Rotary Ware Rd. & Breckenridge St. - A	500.00		500.00
Art. 43 - Off Springfield St. - A	500.00	295.30	204.70
Art. 45 - Oak St. - A	5,160.00		5,160.00
Art. 46 - Main St. - A	4,410.00	4,227.89	182.11
General Sewer Maintenance	16,000.00	16,000.00	
1966 Art. 70 C (4) Geraldine & Brainerd Hgts. - A	14,000.00		14,000.00
1967 Art. 51-A Thorndike St. - A	6,040.60	4,458.46	1,582.14

Account	Appropriations Transfers, Refunds Reimbursements	Expended	Balance
1967 Art. 51-F			
S. Main & State St. - D	5,544.56		5,544.56
Art. 49-A High & Church St. - B	2,063.00	1,809.75	253.25
Art. 49-B Church St. - A	953.00	918.39	34.61
1967 - Art. 16 - Appraisal Exp.			
Sewage Disposal System	16,000.00		16,000.00
Art. 23 - Purch. Land for Const.			
Sewage Treatment Plant	4,200.00	4,200.00	
Gen. Sidewalk Maintenance	2,500.00	2,498.87	1.13
1966 Art. 72-A Pine St. - D	2,500.00	2,375.07	124.93
1967 Art. 53-A Thorndike St. - A	1,865.96	1,773.49	92.47
1967 Art. 53-E Thorndike St. - A	3,600.00	3,274.88	325.12
1967 Art. 53-F Riverview Pkwy - A	840.00	784.85	55.15
1967 Art. 53-Q Palmer Rd. - C	1,675.00		1,675.00
Art. 50-A River St. - B	3,640.00		3,640.00
Art. 50-C Sylvia St. - C	1,325.00	1,035.02	289.98
Art. 50-G Main St. - C	3,750.00		3,750.00
Art. 50-E Palmer St. - C	810.00	531.77	278.23
Art. 50-F Palmer St. - C	3,295.00	3,010.60	284.40
Art. 50-H Pine St. - D	4,231.00	3,649.07	581.93
Art. 50-I Water St. - A	3,750.00	3,654.55	95.45
Art. 50-J Oak St. - A	3,425.00		3,425.00
Art. 50-M Highland St. - A	837.00	478.58	358.42
Art. 50-N Baptist Hill Rd. - A	240.00	240.00	
Art. 50-O Riverview Pkwy. - A	975.00	915.38	59.62
Art. 50-P South Main St. - A	600.00	347.64	252.36
Surface Treatment of Streets with Bituminous Materials	20,108.62	17,448.55	2,660.07
Snow Removal	25,000.00	41,150.95	(16,150.95)
Art. 11 Chap. 90 Maint.	12,000.00	11,992.83	7.17
1967 Art 27 Chap. 90 Spfld St. C & Thorndike St. - A	23,304.50	23,304.50	
Art. 19 Chap. 90 Thorndike St. - A	30,600.00	19,275.09	11,324.91
Support of Poor	23,000.00	10,880.77	12,119.23
Public Welfare, Bd. Salaries	825.00	412.50	412.50
OAA - Board Sal., Town Ap.	825.00	412.50	412.50
OAA - Town Approp.	22,192.35	21,127.37	1,064.98
OAA - Federal Aid	25,121.19	22,308.30	2,812.89
OAA - Federal Admin.	1,395.66	1,197.25	198.41
Medical Assistance			
Town Approp.	105,794.26	86,936.05	18,858.21
Federal Aid	126,729.35	101,547.80	25,181.55
Fed. Adm.	5,387.82	4,502.82	885.00
AFDC - Town Approp.	35,085.85	34,596.65	489.20
AFDC - Federal Aid	28,622.29	24,069.20	4,553.09
AFDC - Federal Admin.	4,835.80	4,380.21	455.59
DA - Town Appropriation	12,375.40	12,319.75	55.65
DA - Federal Aid	11,431.61	10,044.60	1,387.01
DA - Federal Administration	1,721.41	1,250.73	470.68

Account	Appropriations		Balance
	Transfers, Refunds Reimbursements	Expended	
Veterans' Serv. - Agt's Salary	6,700.00	6,700.00	
Veterans' Benefits	47,362.15	46,316.29	1,045.86
Veteran's Serv. - Other Expenses	650.00	627.07	22.93
Gen. School Maint.	1,249,262.34	1,249,213.50	48.84
Smith Hughes Fund	2,456.29	1,173.87	1,282.42
1963 Smith Hughes work study prog. (P.L. 88-210) Voc. Ed.	10,518.42	10,518.42	
School Lunch	94,925.97	90,719.07	4,206.90
U.S. Grant Title I Educ.	8,290.00	8,290.00	
School Athletics	5,706.97	5,415.68	291.29
Palmer Public Library	33,600.00	33,600.00	
State Aid for Free Public Libraries	7,947.50	2,500.00	5,447.50
National Defense Educ. Title 3	14,852.57	12,742.88	2,109.69
Title 5	4,211.18	4,211.18	
1967 Voc. School Dist. Planning Comm. Expenses	50.00		50.00
1966 Art. 24 - Vocational Reg. School Dist. Planning Comm.	1.00		1.00
1967 School Site & Bldg. Comm.	351.42	350.95	.47
1967 Art. 4 Sp. Town Meeting Prelim. Plan. Exp, school site and bldg. C	14,000.00	1,500.00	12,500.00
Art. 4 - Sp. Twn Mtg, Twn share Pathfinder R. Voc. Tech, H.S.	2,963.70	2,963.70	
Parks and Playgrounds	31,000.00	30,984.86	15.14
Maint. Pee Wee Park Grounds	1,000.00	992.50	7.50
1965 Art. 27 Relocating Pee-Wee Ball Diamond	195.12	195.12	
Art. 21 - Park & Recr. Com.	5,500.00	5,499.15	.85
Street Lighting	31,137.00	31,092.93	44.07
General Insurance	13,750.00	13,665.85	84.15
Garbage Collection	13,800.00	13,800.00	
Art. 6 - Planning Bd. Exp.	500.00	409.69	90.31
Town Fire Engineers	75.00	75.00	
Town Reports	1,375.00	1,365.30	9.70
Memorial Day	650.00	650.00	
Wing Memorial Hospital Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	
County Retirement Assessment	39,267.00	39,267.00	
Rent for WW I Vets	100.00	100.00	
County Aid to Agriculture	75.00	75.00	
Art. 20 - Pioneer Valley Reg. Planning Dist. (Fed. Census)	1,242.96	828.64	414.32
Art. 27 Detailed Soil Survey	6,000.00		6,000.00
Art. 29 Rebuild Legion Field	9,100.00	8,599.75	500.25
Art. 28 1965 Ind. Commission	500.00		500.00
1965 Art. 30 Planning Board Zoning Map & By-Law	3,040.00		3,040.00

Account	Appropriations Transfers, Refunds Reimbursements	Expended	Balance
Cemeteries —			
Labor	13,750.00	13,078.25	671.75
Salary of Secretary	1,250.00	1,250.00	
Other Expenses	8,025.00	7,997.93	27.07
Blue Cross & Shield, Town	8,800.00	7,530.91	1,269.09
Group Insurance, Town	1,200.00	1,056.75	143.25
New Burleigh Park	17,410.50	10,038.10	7,372.40
High School Addition	150.10	150.10	
Int. on School Bonds	17,925.00	17,925.00	
Principal on School Bonds	54,849.90	54,849.90	
Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	10,100.00	10,100.00	
Assess. for Principal & Int. paid by State on Three Rivers Flood Protection Project for 1968	24,609.38	24,609.38	

Report of Moth Department

Amount Appropriated	\$2,800.00	
Expenditures	2,781.62	
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Balance		\$18.38

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Palmer

Gentlemen:

The Gypsy Moth presents no problem at this time. More egg clusters were observed this year, but spraying the infected areas contained the pest.

However, in July a severe attack of the White Oak Leaf Blight plus the Oak Leaf Miner left our White Oak Trees in a pitiful mess. Several hundred White Oak Trees were sprayed to prevent the premature defoliation of these trees, since premature defoliation leaves a tree in a weakened condition.

Spraying was also done to curb the Tent Caterpillar which is on the increase, and spraying for the Fall Web Worm was also carried out.

Eradication of Poison Ivy, Poison Oak, and Poison Sumac was done upon request.

Respectfully submitted,
STANLEY STRZEMIENSKI
Supt. of Insect Pest Control

Dutch Elm Disease

Amount Appropriated	\$5,000.00	
Expenditures	4,711.31	
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Balance		\$288.69

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Palmer

Gentlemen:

The Dutch Elm Disease remains a major problem. During the past year 78 diseased trees were removed in accordance of sanitation practices.

In spite of modern research no cure has been developed. Sanitation of removal of diseased trees along with spraying for the Elm Bark Beetle are the recommended practices for containment.

Respectfully submitted,
STANLEY STRZEMIENSKI
Supt. of Insect Pest Control

Report of Chief of Police

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Palmer, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the police department for the year ending December 31, 1968.

During the year 768 complaints were issued against 578 defendants, 518 males and 60 females, 47 delinquent complaints were issued against juveniles. Two cruisers covered 133,515 miles in motor patrols. Eight stolen cars were recovered and 229 summons were served for other departments.

Two fatal accidents occurred in November resulting in four deaths. Three of these were the result of the accident at Allen's Curve. 86 persons were injured in 48 accidents and 70 accidents resulted in property damage.

On August 18 James E. Roy, Overlook Drive, Palmer was added to the police force. He completed the mandatory Police Training Course in Riot Control, Use of Firearms, Criminal and Motor Vehicle Law and Court Procedure at the State Teacher's College at Westfield.

I recommend one sergeant and three additional patrolmen be appointed during the next year.

I thank your Honorable Board as well as the townspeople for the cooperation received during the past year.

Respectfully submitted

WILLIAM E. HOLT

Chief of Police

**LIST OF OFFENSES PROSECUTED IN PALMER
DURING 1968**

Crime Against Persons:

Assault and Battery	14	
		Total 14

Crime Against Property:

Breaking and Entering and Larceny	3	
Larceny and Attempt	20	
Malicious Mischief	17	
Using Motor Vehicle Without Authority	12	
		Total 52

Crimes Against Public Order:

Accosting	2	
Delinquency	47	
Disturbing the Peace	31	
Driving to Endanger	31	
Driving While Under Influence of Liquor	30	
Drunkenness	76	
Illegitimacy	2	
Lewdness	6	
Liquor Laws	39	
Lottery Laws	3	
Motor Vehicle Laws	411	
Narcotics & Drugs	6	
Non-Support	11	
Stubborn	1	
Truancy	1	
Weapons	4	
		Total 702
		Grand Total 768

Dispositions: Fined 414, Filed 90, House of Correction Suspended 32, Probation 34, Committed House of Correction 6, Turned Over to Other Departments 3, Dismissed 76, Released to Probation Officer 21, Pending 92.

Report of The Palmer Recreation Committee

The Honorable Board of Selectmen

Palmer, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Since the appointment of this committee on April 18, 1967, numerous meetings have been held and members have been regularly present to study and consider the many phases of recreation so that it would enable us to better understand the needs of our community.

Our committee initiated the first planned and supervised summer recreation program for children of grammar school age. This program went into effect in June, 1968, and continued for a ten week period under the direction of Ronald Pasturczyk.

Attendance of the children at these planned recreational activities was excellent and the schedule of events was well accepted in Palmer and throughout the villages.

It is our hope to progress each year with continual improvements beneficial to the children of all areas.

We wish to thank the Selectmen, Park Commissioners, the Director of Recreation, Ronald Pasturczyk and his assistant counselors, and the many others who so willingly gave the use of their facilities, their time, and knowledge to make our first project successful.

Respectfully submitted

THE PALMER RECREATION COMMITTEE

Gerald Aliengena, Chairman

COMMITTEE:

Lorraine Brothers, Sec.

Edwin Rehör

John Skowronek

Joseph Courchesne

Arlene Shea

Ann Drozdowski

Marylyn McDougal

Kenneth Hannum

Report of Park Commissioners

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen

Palmer, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Park Commissioners hereby submits their annual report for 1968.

This past year (1968) The Park Commissioners continued to expand and repair the facilities of the Parks and Playgrounds of Palmer and Villages.

In the 1968 Town Warrant under Article 29 the present board of Park Commissioners asked for and received \$8,000.00 to returf Legion Field. After bids were received from five contractors it was found that \$8,000.00 was not sufficient to returf an area of 57,600 sq. ft. At a future special town meeting the commissioners asked for and received an additional \$1,000.00. Of the \$9,000.00 received for the job \$8,550.00 was used, returning \$450.00 to the Town Treasury.

The job was started on July 8 and completed three weeks later by Kandrew Turf Farms of Suffield, Connecticut. Once again Legion Field not only ranks high with the best athletic fields in the state, but is also the envy of all who use it.

Upon completion of this project a letter was sent to Mr. Stanley Remiszewski, Principal of Palmer High School, regarding the use of Legion Field by his Athletic Department and Physical Ed. Classes. At this time the Park Commissioners would like to thank Mr. Remiszewski, his athletic staff, and Physical Ed Teachers, for their cooperation when using the newly turfed area of Legion Field. Also Fire Chief Gus Theodore for helping with equipment to water the new area.

At New Burleigh Park, Warren Street, a new concrete wading pool for children ten years of age and under was constructed by Eddymae Olympic Pools, Inc. of North Wilbraham, Mass. for the amount of \$10,000.00. This pool was built with monies from the Burleigh Fund which was established when the town received settlement from the Massachusetts Turnpike authority for land taking of Old Burleigh Park on North Main Street, Palmer, Mass.

With the beginning of the Recreation Program in Palmer and Villages, New Burleigh Park with its new pool, new playground, two Pee Wee Ball Fields and picnic area became a most popular recreation spot for the young and old of the Town.

By the combined efforts of Dr. Leo Santucci, Superintendent of Schools, the Park Commissioners, and through the generosity of Mrs. Mary R. Cohen of Fern Hill Road, Monson, Mass. it was possible to acquire seven (7) acres of land on Water Street, Palmer, Mass., owned by the latter for use as an athletic field.

It is hoped that by developing another athletic field on this newly acquired land, it will relieve some of the pressure on Legion Field by the ever increasing number of athletes, young and

old, using its facilities. We would also like to thank George Du-Comb for his leg work in helping bring about the acquisition of this land.

New equipment such as: more durable-maintenance free Polyethylene Plastic Swing Seats to replace the old wooden seats, new all metal see-saws to replace the old and more dangerous wooden type see-saws were purchased and placed in all of the towns six (6) playgrounds. All permanent metal frames, at all the playgrounds, were painted many attractive colors.

The Park Department crew again did a yeoman job in maintaining the five (5) skating rinks in town to provide the youngsters many enjoyable hours of skating.

In keeping with the beautification policies of the Park Department a survey of our Parks was made. It was found by the Park Commissioners that Hryniewicz Memorial Park, Three Rivers, posed the most problem.

Three years ago young trees were planted to fill the vacancies of the older trees that had to be removed. However, due to vandalism, bending, pulling out of ground and breaking, these young trees did not have a chance to root properly. Consequently, many died.

Another problem is that five of the older trees are in bad physical shape and their time of further beautifying Hryniewicz Memorial Park is limited. To eliminate vandalism and insure growth of newly planted trees, larger ones five (5) to eight (8) inches in diameter were planted and theoretically get twenty (20) years growth in one year.

In Bondsville three large trees along the river bank next to Endelson Playground were removed because of disease and posed a problem to the playground.

We wish to thank Park Superintendent Mike Russo and the men of his Department for a job well done. To Water Superintendent William Ammann and Highway Superintendent Oliver Beauregard for lending assistance to many of our projects which would not have been possible without their assistance.

A special thanks to the Honorable Board of Selectmen for their help and guidance whenever needed.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER PLUTA, Chairman

GERALD J. ALIENGENA, Secretary

RICHARD J. DEMAIO

ROBERT M. LAVIOLETTE

JOSEPH J. PAPUZENSKI

Jury List 1968-1969

PRECINCT A

Robert E. Ames	38 Riverview Pkwy
Everett C. Daly	594 No. Main St.
Constance F. Papuzenski	617 No. Main St.
Gordon R. Dean	7 Converse St.
Ernestine P. McGuirk	13 Knox St.
Roland R. Boissy	674 No. Main St.
Alexander Bobowiec	16 Chestnut St.
Sonia L. Thompson	599 No. Main St.
John C. Hecment	Boston Rd.
Leopold J. Laviolette	40 Brown St.
Fred T. Eberhardt	65 Buckland Rd.
Leopold Santucci	194 Calkins Rd.
Myrtle M. Fulton	85 Central St.
Donald J. Lapierre	Flynt St.
John W. Grady	23 King St.
John H. S. Wisnoski	16 Maple St.
Ludgero Almeida	Terry St.
Kenneth L. Parks	Mason St.
William F. Lynch	17 Dublin St.
George W. Christman, Jr.	Flynt St.
James F. Russo	139 Thorndike St.
John W. Rourke	13 Maple St.
Frank Kane	54 Wilson St.
Mary S. Hubert	25 Searle St.
Aime F. Duquette	67 Pleasant St.
Henry S. Zajac	Riverview Pkwy
Charlotte H. Borek	345 Mason St.
Walter J. Graham	Alden St.
Evelyn Uguccione	9 Pleasant St.
Walter A. Haggerty	12 Vernon St.
Joseph T. Kaczmarczyk	75 Cabot St.
Donald L. Corbin	Christine St.
Rose M. Smith	57 Fairview St.
Gerald J. Aliengena	225 Breckenridge St.
Matthew J. Valley	220 Calkins Rd.
Marie A. Cordialli	9 Maple St.
Bernice F. St. Amand	15 Maple St.
Edward D. Seipel	8 Pearl St.
Edward J. Bradlenski	61 Riverview Pkwy
Joseph J. Malzenski	98 Fairview St.
Alexander J. Lemanski	Circle Drive
Adolph S. Les	156 So. Main St.

PRECINCT B

Walter S. Sydla	35 Church St.
John S. Majka	River St.
Sophie C. Lebida	121 River St.
Mary L. Austin	25 Sykes St.
Victoria K. Lech	42 Commercial St.
Jacob J. Bish	97 High St.
Theodore F. McCloskey	560 High St.
John Barcz	115 River St.
Gerald J. Shields	70 Ware St.
John F. Kmon	31 Summer St.

Alexander Matera	25 School St.
Aloysius J. Tyburski	81 Church St.
Doris V. Gray	Summer St.
John M. Noga	125 Pleasant St.
Walter P. Lech	44 Pine St.
Lorraine A. Shields	70 Ware St.
Joseph Mega, Jr.	411 High St.
Albert P. Kapinos	433 High St.
Walter J. Frydryk	67 Church St.

PRECINCT C

Clarence J. Michaud	139 Springfield St.
Waldemar J. Kowalik	131 Springfield St.
Louis J. LaRose	58 Edgewood St.
Barbara L. Swain	5 Front St.
Margaret E. Holt	24 Maple St.
Francis O. Bready	Baptist Hill St.
Nora G. Amman	54 Charles St.
Edward F. Strempek	47 Belchertown St.
Joseph J. Wojtowicz	Edgewood St.
Stanley J. Swiatlowski	26 North St.
William K. Morrison	2 Sylvia St.
Christine S. Stockmal	128 North St.
Louis F. Baldyga	82 Palmer St.
Peter M. Chess	258 Main St.
Robert Dupuis	184 Main St.
John A. Dougal	20 South St.
Julia A. Droz	2 Glenn St.
Edmund W. Nietupski	23 North St.
Thomas McKee	55 High St.
Boleslaus J. Gula	53 Bourne St.
Edna S. Sabourin	Calkins Rd.
Walter J. Majka	7 Maple Terrace
Edwin M. Olearczyk	64 North St.
Walter P. Kozik	142 Palmer St.
Joseph C. Dominik	17 Cross St.
Stewart E. Jeffrey	Calkins Rd.
Roger O. Grenier	102 Springfield St.
Edward L. Marhelewicz	40 Off Bourne St.
Alexander F. Sawicki	114 Belchertown St.

PRECINCT D

Arthur Gaudette, Jr.	9 Crest St.
Joseph O. A. Graveline	96 State St.
Edson N. Carnahan	Fuller St.
Helen T. Nietupski	26 So. Main St.
Stanley J. Robak	3 Hill St.
Fred E. Holcomb	68 Griffin St.
Joseph S. Strycharz	177 Main St.
James R. Pierce	Palmer St.
Russell Marier	Fuller St.
Edward S. Godek	28 Stewart St.
William M. Wadas	129 Main St.
Edward Kowalski, Sr.	31 High St.
Adam J. Koss	Palmer St.

Report of the Board of Health

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Palmer, Massachusetts

The Palmer Board of Health herewith submits its Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1968.

Reportable diseases:

Chicken Pox	16
Dog Bite	65
Dysentery (Bacillary)	1
Hepatitis, Infectious	1
Mumps	2
Poliomyelitis (non-paralytic)	1
Scarlet Fever	3
Tuberculosis	2
Cat Bite	1

Deaths reported during year	Male	Female	Total
Stillborn			
Under One Year	1		1
1 to 5 Years	1	1	2
5 to 10 years	1		1
10 to 20 years	2	1	3
20 to 30 years			
30 to 40 years		1	1
40 to 50 years	4	2	6
50 to 60 years	10	3	13
60 to 70 years	14	9	23
70 to 80 years	17	15	32
80 to 90 years	9	11	20
90 to 100 years		3	3
	59	46	105

RECEIPTS

Licenses Issued:

Milk Pasteurization	\$10.00
Refuse Collection	\$2.00
Funeral Director	4.00
Septic Tank	66.00
Ice Cream	40.00
Milk and Oleo	36.00
Camp	.50
Motel	1.00
Bottling	40.00
Disposal Works Installer's	55.00
Massage and Vapor Bath	10.00
Removal of Garbage	4.00

Total	\$268.50
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FINANCIAL REPORT

Appropriation	\$13,625.00
Expended	9,178.98
Balance	\$4,446.02

Respectfully submitted,
CHESTER MARHELEWICZ
MAURICE R. LePAGE, D.S.C.
STANLEY P. BERNAT

Report of Gas Inspector

Honorable Board of Selectmen
of the Town of Palmer:

As of January 2, 1968 to the present date there have been forty (40) new gas installations, sixty-five (65) families that have added to their present system and fifty (50) families that have brought their old systems up to date. There has been fifteen (15) fires due to carelessness of the gas consumer, on which the fire chiefs have had to call for my inspection. I have to the present date collected \$80.00. I have expended into gas inspecting 5,254 miles and \$26.38 in out-of-town calls due to gas inspecting.

Servicing our Palmer area in L. P. gas are the following companies:

Lehigh Bottled Gas of Palmer and Ware
Arrow Gas of Three Rivers, Mass.
Home Gas Corp. of Monson
Gilbertville Bottled Gas of Gilbertville
Brimfield Oil Co. of Brimfield
Belcher Bros. of Wilbraham
Hatch Oil Co. of Monson
Ware Bottle Gas Co. Inc., of Ware
Suburban Propane of Windsor, Conn.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. GONDEK

Gas Inspector, Town of Palmer

Report of the Planning Board

During the year 1968 preliminary plans for nine streets were submitted to the Board for Approval. Of these, seven were rejected, one was withdrawn by the owner and one approved.

Also, during this year, seventeen building permits were issued. The members of the Board again emphasize that Building Permits are necessary for any building additions or major alterations.

After having overcome some minor difficulties, the Board is able to report that Sub-Division Control is working for the benefit of the Town.

The Planning Board has spent much time in drawing up an acceptable Zoning By-Law. We expect this will be ready for a public hearing some time this spring.

The disastrous fire in Bondsville last October points up the necessity for the re-thinking of the Town's problems, the importance of Planning for future projects and the financial aid available from all sources.

The Planning Board stands ready to assist.

Respectfully submitted,

WILFRED J. LAVIOLETTE, Chairman
DANIEL V. FOGARTY, JR., Clerk
GEORGE W. DuCOMB
RUSSELL C. MARIER
A. ELLIS SULLIVAN
STEVE MIDURA

Tree Warden for 1968

Amount Appropriated	\$5,800.00	
Expenditures	5,636.71	
Balance		\$163.29

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Palmer:
Gentlemen:

The tree planting program was again carried out with an additional 204 trees planted in all Precincts. The tree belts are slowly filling up but are far from being complete.

Halloween vandalism was responsible for twelve young trees being broken and uprooted.

High winds and two electrical storms blew down seven trees in addition to 34 trees that were removed due to construction and old age decay.

Normal maintenance of dead wood removal, raising of low limbs and antenna clearance were also carried out.

Respectfully submitted,
OLIVER BEAUREGARD
Tree Warden

Report of Veterans Service Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Palmer, Massachusetts
Gentlemen

The largest single increase in compensation for service connected disabled veterans was authorized by Congress in 1968 and became law effective January 1, 1969. Increases range from \$2 to \$100 depending on the degree of disability. Pension rates for non-service connected veterans and their dependents were adjusted according to a new increment formula as well as higher income limitations which go into effect in January. Education and training benefits for veterans have been amended to allow 1½ days of entitlement for each day of service since January 31, 1955 up to a maximum of 36 months. For the first time in history, widows of men who died in service or widows of permanently service disabled veterans will qualify for education benefits in the same manner that sons and daughters are receiving under the War Orphans Educational Assistance Act. VA home loans with increased guarantees up to \$12,500 are now available to all eligible veterans including the Vietnam-Era veterans. Reemploy-

ment rights protection has been extended to servicemen who have served beyond their regular enlistment period.

Congress finally passed legislation making it a federal crime to publicly desecrate the U.S. Flag. The law provides a one year prison term or \$1,000 fine, or both, on conviction of publicly mutilating, defacing, defiling, burning or trampling the flag.

The Massachusetts legislature passed a State Bonus Law providing for payments of \$200 to all servicemen who completed at least 180 days of active duty in the armed forces after July 1, 1958 and an additional \$100 for those who have served in the Vietnam combat area. Applicants must have had a legal residence in this state for a period of at least six months immediately prior to their entry into service. There is no deadline date for these applications.

Records of this office show 49 servicemen discharged or separated from service and of these, 23 have served in the Vietnam area. Sixteen of our veterans died during the past year. We have assisted 23 claimants with applications for Pensions or Compensation and 19 awards were made representing a total income from the VA of \$13,463 during the year. Two claims were denied and four are still in process of determination by the VA.

The flood of applicants for the state bonus increased the contacts in the office to 1443 with 833 telephone calls handled on matters dealing with various types of veterans' benefits. Some of the more frequent services included the following:

1774	Photostats
407	Bonus applications
149	Letters and forms
82	Referrals
53	Education
49	Discharges recorded
38	Loans
29	Burial Benefits
27	Insurance
23	Compensation & Pensions
22	Taxes and exemptions
20	Hospital & OP requests
406	Miscellaneous services

Under the provisions of Chap. 115 G. L. of Mass., this department handled 42 cases for financial assistance to needy veterans and their dependents involving 105 persons.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Appropriation — transfers — refunds		\$54,712.15
State reimbursements	\$15,846.82	
Recoveries from Liens	3,687.78	
Town's share of cost	34,108.76	
Unexpended balance	1,068.79	
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		54,712.15

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD J. SALAMON
Veterans' Agent

Tax Collector's Report

TAXES:

Account of 1960		
Outstanding January 1, 1968	\$401.09	
Motor Vehicle excise		
tax paid after abatement	13.11	
Interest	28.29	
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		\$442.49
Paid Treasurer		<hr/> \$442.49 <hr/>
Account of 1963		
Outstanding January 1, 1968	297.00	
Motor Vehicle excise tax		
paid after abatement	97.08	
Interest	26.83	
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		420.91
Paid Treasurer		<hr/> 123.91 <hr/>
Outstanding December 31, 1968		297.00
Account of 1964		
Outstanding January 1, 1968	943.82	
Motor Vehicle excise tax		
paid after abatement	3.30	
Interest	28.60	
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		975.72
Paid Treasurer		<hr/> 733.90 <hr/>
Outstanding December 31, 1968		241.82
Account of 1965		
Outstanding January 1, 1968	578.89	
Interest	40.51	
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		619.40
Paid Treasurer		<hr/> 245.71 <hr/>
Outstanding December 31, 1968		373.69
Account of 1966		
Outstanding January 1, 1968	8,879.63	
Real estate taxes		
abated after payment	801.00	
Interest	633.89	
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		10,314.52
Paid Treasurer	6,762.61	
Abatements	801.00	
Added to tax titles	461.02	
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		8,024.63
Outstanding December 31, 1968		<hr/> 2,289.89

Account of 1967

Outstanding January 1, 1968	\$81,208.66	
Additional Assessors' warrants to be collected	16,163.53	
Real estate taxes abated after payment	819.00	
Motor Vehicle excise taxes abated after payment	1,673.84	
Interest	2,874.79	
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		\$102,739.82
Paid Treasurer	90,854.71	
Abatements	4,170.60	
Added to tax titles	471.38	
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		95,496.69
Outstanding December 31, 1968		7,243.13

Account of 1968

Assessors' warrants to be collected	\$1,836,608.21	
Real estate taxes abated after payment	7,759.95	
Motor Vehicle excise taxes abated after payment	7,996.88	
Interest	1,028.41	
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		\$1,853,393.45
Paid Treasurer	1,612,022.69	
Abatements	125,966.58	
Added to tax titles	811.80	
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		1,738,801.07
Outstanding December 31, 1968		<hr/>
		114,592.38
Trailer coach fees:		
Received during 1968		
For 1967	1,620.00	
For 1968	4,932.00	
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Paid Treasurer		6,552.00
		6,552.00
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JOHN T. BROWN

Collector of Taxes.

School Committee 1968 - 1969

MICHAEL J. CAVANAUGH, Chairman

KATHRYN M. FLAHERTY, Secretary

MICHAEL J. CAVANAUGH	Term expires 1969
JOHN J. DYL	Term expires 1969
JOSEPH J. MALZENSKI	Term expires 1969
KATHRYN M. FLAHERTY	Term expires 1970
HENRY R. TRESPAS	Term expires 1971

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held at 7 p.m. on the Monday before the fourth Friday of each school month.

All bills must be in the hands of the Superintendent on Monday before the above-mentioned date.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Leo J. Santucci.

Office Hours: 8 a.m. to 12 m.; 1 to 4 p.m.

Calendar

1968-1969

Opening Date	September 4
Christmas Vacation	Weeks of December 22 and 29
Winter Vacation	Week of February 16
Spring Vacation	Week of April 20
High School Graduation	June 8
Closing Date	June 20

Days Off

October 18	Teachers' Convention
November 11	Veterans' Day
Afternoon of November 27; November 28 and 29	Thanksgiving Recess
April 4	Good Friday
May 26	Memorial Day Observance

1969-1970

Opening Date	September 3
Christmas Vacation	Week of December 21
Winter Vacation	Week of February 15
Spring Vacation	Week of April 19
High School Graduation	June 7
Closing Date	June 19

Days Off

October 13	Columbus Day Observance
October 17	Teachers' Convention
November 11	Veterans' Day
Afternoon of November 26; November 27 and 28	Thanksgiving Recess
January 1	New Year's Day
March 27	Good Friday
May 25	Memorial Day Observance

Annual School Report

To the School Committee of the Town of Palmer:

It is with great pleasure that I submit herewith my seventh annual report, the seventy-sixth school report of the town.

Schools Are People

The public usually envisions a school system as so many buildings, classrooms, blackboards, and books. This is unfortunate. Valuable as these things are, they are of secondary importance to the success of any school system because they are inanimate. Good schools are very much alive—alive with people teaching, singing, playing, working, and **LEARNING**.

We, the Administration, think of our school system as a veritable army of highly trained, talented, and dedicated men and women deftly applying their professional skills to develop the minds and bodies of our young citizens. Comprehensive programs of study, work, and play are carefully designed and implemented by these master craftsmen to accomplish their goals.

Yes, we think of schools as people, people planning and working in concert to make this most important period of a child's life as intellectually profitable, enjoyable, and memorable as possible. We think of the teacher, principal, nurse, secretaries, clerks, custodian, attendance officer, bus driver, cafeteria manager, cooks, teacher aides, and the many specialists devoted to this important task.

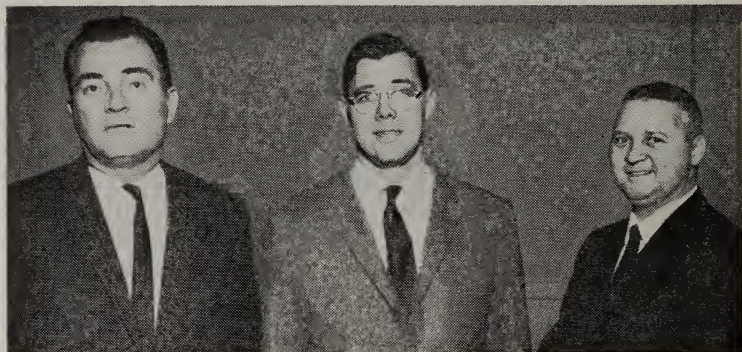
Consistent with the theme that "Schools Are People," we present in this report a graphic portrait of these devoted people. We present them with pride, knowing that the men and women who staff our schools are the very best.



Dr. Leo J. Santucci
SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent is the chief executive officer of the School Committee. His job is to administer and supervise the education of over 2,300 pupils. In addition, he is responsible for special services, curriculum development and improvement of instruction, control of both the elementary schools and the high school, all personnel services, preparation and administration of the annual budget, purchasing and delivery of equipment and instructional material, and for initiating and/or approving any improvements in the conduct of the affairs of the schools. In addition, he must recommend policy to the School Committee and implement all orders from that body.

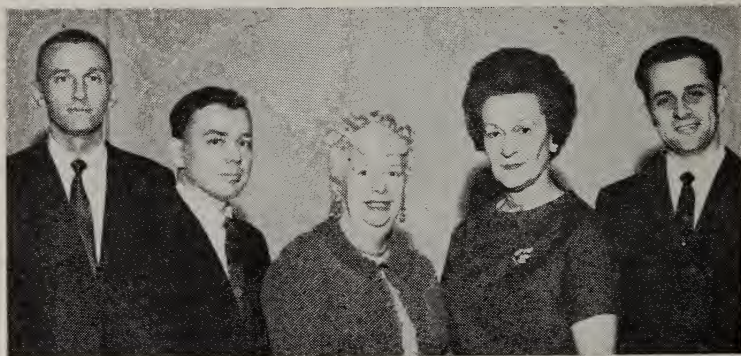
The Principal and the Assistant Principal of the High School are the administrative arms of both the School Committee and the Superintendent. They must try to provide an equal opportunity for a basic education for all and the privilege of continuing so long as the students and society can profit from it. They must accept each student for what he is and influence him to work to his capacity. To carry out the above, the Principal and Assistant Principal continually work to improve and evaluate the curriculum in cooperation with the staff and the other administrators.



ADMINISTRATORS

Mr. Stanley Remiszewski, Mr. James Piehl, Mr. Ronald Laviolette.

The job of the Principal of the Bondsville Elementary School entails supervising the curriculum program, orienting new staff members, coordinating work with the Director of Elementary Education, other school administrators, the elementary teaching principals, the high school department heads, and his own staff members in evaluating and improving the school program.



TEACHING PRINCIPALS

Mr. George Nicholas, Mr. Alphonse Murray, Mrs. Sarah Berube, Miss Stephanie Kolbusz, Mr. Lawrence Ricci.

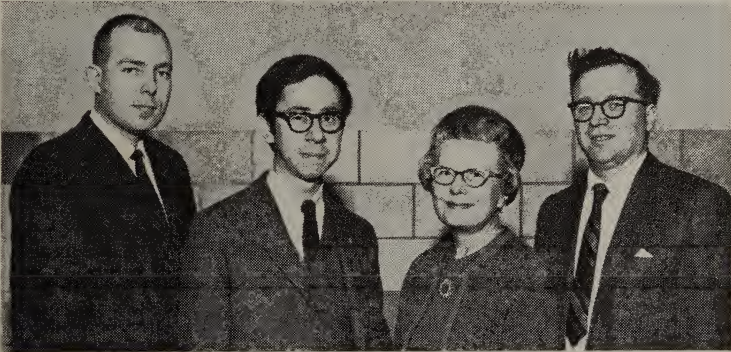
The teaching principals are concerned not only with teaching a specific classroom but also handling all of the administration duties necessary to the development of curriculum in their particular school. They must coordinate and cooperate with their own staff, the high school department heads, the special teachers, the Director of Elementary Education, and the Superintendent.

At the present time, we have department heads in English, mathematics, science, foreign languages, and business. Primarily, their job is to plan, coordinate, and supervise the work in their particular subject area within the high school and to make recommendations to the administration about curriculum, policies, supplies, and personnel.



HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mrs. Ruth O'Malley, Mrs. Mary McManus, Mrs. Ruth Muska, Mr. Frederick Holda.



DIRECTORS OF SERVICES

Mr. William Nolte, Mr. Charles DiMascola, Mrs. Margaret Wiggenshauser, Mr. David Girardin.

Our Special Services group consists of a Director of Library Services, a Director of Guidance Services, a Director of Music Services, and a Director of Art Services. The directors of these services have a primary responsibility to interpret and coordinate curriculum on a systemwide basis. This entails working with their staff, elementary principals, and other school administrators in evaluating and continually improving their particular service.

Our Special Teachers—art, music, boys' and girls' physical education. These teachers are sent into the various classrooms as specialists in their fields. This enables the student to receive the very best of training in the fields of art, music, and physical education. In addition, the regular teachers are aided in carrying out the overall program as set by the administration.



SPECIAL TEACHERS

1st Row — Mrs. Denniss, Miss Curtis, Mrs. Broillette, Mrs. Jolivet, Miss Dumas.

2nd Row — Mr. Pasterczyk, Miss Richard, Miss Burns, Mr. Gearon, Miss Frydryk, Miss West, Mr. Jaquish, Mrs. Judkins.

As specialists, we have three reading remediation supervising teachers, an adjustment counselor, and two guidance counselors. Primarily, the remediation teachers seek to discover and correct any reading problems found in the primary grades. The adjustment counselor attempts to remedy student problems early in school life. The guidance counselors do the testing and guiding of all of the children in our system.



THORNDIKE STREET SCHOOL

1st Row — Miss Salamon, Miss Jablonski, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Le-Blanc.

2nd Row — Mrs. Griffin, Mr. Murray, Principal, Mrs. Cross.

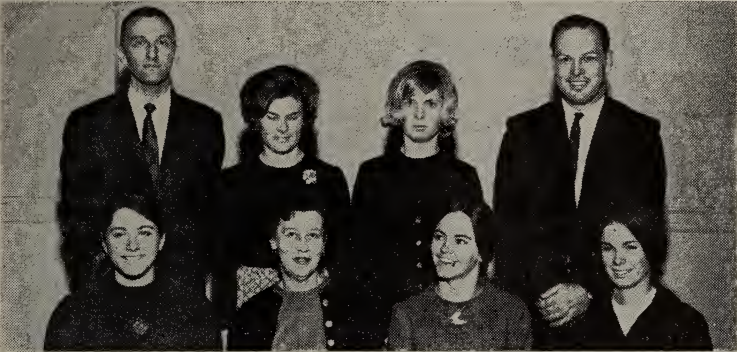
Missing: Miss Sullivan, Mrs. Musselman, Mrs. Dyoreck.



PARK STREET SCHOOL

1st Row — Mrs. Berube, Principal, Mrs. Rempp, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Roy.

2nd Row — Mr. Gallagher, Miss Sasur, Mrs. Windholz, Mrs. Madison, Miss Kozik, Mrs. Pisarski, Mr. Drugan.



QUABAUG SCHOOL

1st Row — Miss Baldassarre, Mrs. Calkins, Mrs. Shumway, Mrs. Coyle.

2nd Row — Mr. Nicholas, Principal, Miss Wostena, Miss Boissy, Mr. Janasiewicz.



THREE RIVERS SCHOOL

1st Row — Miss Rowe, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Godek, Miss Orszulak.

2nd Row — Mr. Kulis, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Kolbusz, Principal, Mr. Lempart.



THORNDIKE SCHOOL

1st Row — Miss Gaudreau, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Haley.

2nd Row — Mr. Ricci, Principal, Mrs. Landers, Mr. Beynor, Mr. Faichney.

Missing: Mrs. Geneview Jeske.



BONDSVILLE SCHOOL

1st Row — Mrs. Skinner, Miss Lafayette, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Condon.

2nd Row — Mr. MacDonnell, Mr. Laviolette, Principal, Mrs. Dove, Miss Pierce, Mrs. Warman, Mrs. Kusek, Miss Anderson, Mr. Gralenski, Mr. Mozden.

Missing: Miss Lim, Mr. Bennett.

The elementary schools in our system encompass grades 1 through 8. Self-contained classrooms are used for grades 1 through 4 and departmentalization for grades 5 through 8. The elementary school curriculum is coordinated through the principals, department heads in the high school, and the Director and Coordinator of Elementary Education. Grade-level meetings are held every other month to coordinate the programs within our system.

The high school in our system encompasses grades 9 through 12. All of the work in the various subject areas is coordinated through the department heads, the Assistant Principal and the Principal. Meetings are held regularly, and ideas are exchanged in an attempt to upgrade our curriculum continually.



HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

1st Row — Mrs. Muska, Mrs. Duffy, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Sullivan, Miss Smith, Mrs. Sygiel.

2nd Row — Mr. Jaquish, Mr. Berger, Mr. Girardin, Mr. Talbot, Mrs. McQuaid, Mrs. McManus, Miss Murphy, Mrs. O'Malley, Mr. Nolte, Mr. Riddle, Mr. Hill, Mr. Holda, Mr. Dunn.

Missing: Mrs. Bourn, Mr. Cornwell, Mr. DiMascola, Mr. Dougal, Mr. Fitzgerald, Miss Fogarty, Mr. Girardin, Mr. Gorski, Mr. Hawkins, Miss LaMontagne, Mr. E. Lasky, Mr. R. Lasky, Mr. Libera, Mr. Lynch, Miss Marchelewicz, Mrs. McQuaid, Mr. Oppedisano, Mr. Paydos, Mr. Reim, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Toshikian.

The office staff handles all of the correspondence and paper work concerning the business of the schools. The offices staffed are the Library, Guidance, Assistant Principal, Principal, and Superintendent.



OFFICE STAFF

1st row — Mrs. Midura, Miss Witkoski, Miss Mohamed, Mrs. DeMaio, Mrs. Barrett.

Missing: Mrs. McAdam.

The teacher aides are used to aid the teachers and principals by doing all non-teaching duties, such as collecting money, supervising recess and lunch, doing registers, etc. In addition, they may act as secretaries for the principals.



TEACHER AIDES

1st Row — Mrs. Kulpa, Mrs. Shea, Mrs. Benoit, Mrs. Russo, Mrs. Carper.

2nd Row — Mrs. St. Amand, Mrs. Vedda, Mrs. Drawec, Mrs. Karczmarczyk, Mrs. Niemczura, Mrs. Lamery, Mrs. McKee, Mrs. Korzec, Mrs. Carlson.

Our cafeteria staff, consisting of 14 people, operates six elementary and one high school cafeteria. During the past year, they served 253,335 meals for a gross sales of \$63,126.26. As you can see, we operate the largest restaurant in the town. The only expense to the town has been the contribution of \$2,400 towards the director's salary. Profit from the cafeteria has enabled us to upgrade our equipment and cafeterias to the tune of \$25,201.08.



CAFETERIA STAFF

1st Row — Mrs. Matera, Mrs. Naglack, Mrs. Walder, Mrs. Sloat, Mrs. Sibik, Mrs. Wojtowicz, Mrs. Robak, Mrs. Gaudette.

2nd Row — Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Nikodem, Mrs. Piechota, Mrs. Malzenski, Mrs. Santucci, Mrs. Tyburski.

The custodial staff has a primary responsibility of maintaining our buildings in the best of condition. They coordinate and cooperate their efforts through the principals and the Superintendent.



CUSTODIAL STAFF

1st Row — Mr. Patenaude, Mr. Gilmartin, Mr. Bak, Mr. Michonski.

2nd Row — Mr. Misiasek, Mr. Sibik, Mr. Matera, Mr. Cavanaugh, Mr. Murphy.

Missing: Mr. LeClair.

Report of the School Adjustment Counselor

The School Adjustment Counselor attempts to help children and families understand the child who is having difficulty in adjusting to the school situation, and to help him function more effectively.

The Counselor sees all children who are referred to her by the classroom teacher, approved by the principal. Other sources of referral are parents, social agencies, clinics, and other school personnel. Referrals are considered from grades 1 through 8 of those children with personality or behavior problems, those habitually absent for no obvious reason, children who appear neglected or culturally deprived, those emotionally disturbed, and children who fail to work up to grade level.

The usual procedure is as follows:

(1) The teacher makes out a referral card on a pupil, signed by the teacher and principal. (2) The counselor, upon receipt of the card, confers with teacher and principal, seeking all pertinent background information. (3) The counselor talks with the child. (4) Contact is made with the parents, usually involving at least one home visit. (5) The counselor then recommends a suggested course of action to be followed by the teacher or parents, or both. The cooperation of the parents is very important.

The caseload of the School Adjustment Counselor during the year totaled 96 children — 78 boys and 18 girls. Of these, 21 children were carried over from the previous year for further counseling. Seventy-five children were new referrals with no previous contact with the School Adjustment Counselor. Reasons for referral included 32 for behavior and personality, 31 for academic problems, 8 for attendance, 3 for home conditions, and 22 others, including reading, speech, home tutoring, and clinical

nursery placement. Cases closed during the year numbered 70. Of these, 60 were boys and 10 were girls. Seven children moved out of the community, one left school, 11 children were referred for psychiatric help, and an additional 5 are receiving treatment at clinics, 6 were referred to the Learning Disability Center in Springfield, 13 were referred to reading specialists. 15 were placed in Special Education classes, 3 received speech therapy. For the remainder, further counseling was not deemed necessary.

Many courses of action may be recommended by the counselor. If it is felt that a child needs further psychological testing, he is referred to the School Psychologist; in situations where professional help seems necessary, he is referred to the Child Guidance Clinic of Springfield (whose services are now no longer available), the Child Guidance Center of Amherst, or a psychiatrist (it is left up to the parent to decide) to social agencies, various facilities at the University of Massachusetts Reading Center or Communications Disorders Clinic, or to the Mary Lane Hospital Speech Clinic. Several children have been referred to the counselor as possibly having a learning disability, and were referred for further diagnosis and possible placement at the Learning Disability clinic in Springfield. The counselor has also coordinated work with Special Education within the school system and with the local Clinical Nursery. There have been occasions in which the counselor has been called upon on a consultant basis in the high school.

During the year the School Adjustment Counselor has had contact with the following public and private agencies: Massachusetts Division of Child Guardianship, the Child Guidance Clinic of Springfield, the Palmer Public Welfare Department, the Children's Protective Society of Springfield, the Central Youth Guidance Clinic of Southbridge, the Child Guidance Center of Amherst, and Speech and Reading Centers at the University of Massachusetts. Communication has been maintained with the local Probation Office and the Palmer District Court.

Report of the Reading Remediation Supervising Teachers

The reading remediation supervising teachers began the school year in a less than illustrious fashion. There was no available office space and no material or equipment with which to begin our program. However, a vacant storage room at Thorndike Street School was unearthed and turned into a most attractive office and resource center.

Our next problem was how we could affect the greatest number of pupils. We hope to do this by helping the teachers. We research new ideas, acquaint the teachers with new methods and materials, and equip our "resource center" with graded material which they can use for remedial work and for enrichment of the basic program.

Thus far, we have assembled a reading notebook for each teacher. This notebook contains a phonics guide, our complete phonics program, sample lesson plans, games and exercises for variety in drillwork, etc.

The Reading Readiness Tests have been given to all first grades, and the Gates Reading Test has been given to all second and third grades.

Certain pupils who seemed to be having exceptional difficulties in reading have been tested, individually, and some remedial work has been and is being done. Grouping between grades is also being tried and will be evaluated periodically.

There are many plans in the initial stage; and while everything new takes time, we do hope to effect an improvement in our entire reading program.

Budget

The 1969 budget represents an increase of \$299,634.75. Primarily this is due to increases in salaries, and instructional personnel and materials.

The total increase amounts to 24.1 per cent, which, all things considered, compares favorably with increases in other school systems.

Palmer is still spending much less for schools than comparable communities.

It is the intent of the School Department to operate the schools as efficiently and economically as possible without sacrificing any necessary educational objectives.

Recommendations for the Future

1. Approval of a new high school
2. Approval of a regional vocational-technical school
3. Employment of a full-time audio-visual person
4. Continual study of establishing full-time principals in all elementary schools
5. Employment of a maintenance mechanic
6. Continual study of the establishment of department heads in the vocational area and the physical education area
7. Continuance of updating of furniture and repairs
8. Continual study of the mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, and the academically talented programs
9. Continual study of the recommendations of the Palmer Schools Survey

Conclusion

In conclusion, may I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the School Committee, the Board of Selectmen, the Highway Department, the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Park Department, and other town officers, a loyal and helpful staff, parent-teacher associations, and all others who have given the School Department their whole-hearted support in its objective to provide a successful school program for your children.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO J. SANTUCCI

Superintendent of Schools

January 13, 1969

FINAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 1968

Administration	\$ 31,859.00	\$ 31,855.46	\$ 3.54
Instruction	903,898.32	903,884.82	13.50
Other School Services	113,324.68	113,319.89	4.79
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	122,870.00	122,868.37	1.63
Insurance	23,050.00	23,044.62	5.38
Community Services	500.00	497.50	2.50
Equipment	4,000.00	3,994.84	5.16
Trade School Expenses	38,140.00	38,127.66	12.34
Tuition	1,275.00	1,275.00	—
Summer School Title I	3,593.00	3,593.00	—
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	\$1,242,510.00	\$1,242,461.16	\$48.84

Report of

Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District Committee

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

On February 26, 1968, the towns of Belchertown, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Palmer, Ware, Warren and West Brookfield voted unanimously to form a regional vocational - technical high school district. The moderator in each of the towns then appointed the regional school committeemen:

David A. Staples	Belchertown
Kenneth K. Dennis	Hardwick
Walter D. Raleigh	Monson
Norman Walker	New Braintree
John C. Lane	North Brookfield
Robert H. Carper	Palmer
Harry Uguccione	Palmer
Irving Mattson	Ware
Marguerite C. McKelligett	Warren
Philip Bassford (who was subsequently replaced by Arvid O. Silverberg) West Brookfield	

The District Committee was organized, and Harry Uguccione elected as chairman, Irving Mattson as vice chairman and Marguerite McKelligett as secretary-clerk. Francis J. Lynch of Palmer was appointed treasurer of the District. The name "Pathfinder" was chosen unanimously by the Committee to be the name of the District because it suggested a new and enlightened approach to education.

The following subcommittees were formed from the District Committee:

A Budget Committee consisted of Kenneth Dennis, chairman, David Staples, John Lane, Philip Bassford and Irving Mattson. An Operating and Maintenance Budget of \$11,100 for 1968 was adopted at special town meetings held in each town in April of 1968. At the close of the year a surplus of \$4,751.44 was on hand. An Operating and Maintenance Budget of \$36,615 has been adopted for 1969. Surplus and anticipated reimbursements have reduced this sum to \$28,615, and each town in the District has received a certified copy of his share of the budget.

A committee to select a Superintendent-Director consisted of David Staples chairman, John Lane, Marguerite McKelligett and Irving Mattson with Harry Uguccione ex-officio. From a total of twelve applicants, 8 were interviewed and two were asked to return for a final interview. From these interviews, Mr. Vincent A. Catacchio was selected and he reported for work in October of 1968. Mr. Catacchio is currently drawing up educational specifications for a vocational-technical high school for the District.

The Site Committee with Norman Walker, chairman, Robert Carper, and Irving Mattson has viewed about seven sites in the Ware-Palmer area. About four of these sites are being considered and will be viewed by the architect and School Building Assistance Commission before a final selection is made.

The Architect Committee with Robert Carper, chairman, Kenneth Dennis, Philip Bassford, Walter Raleigh and Norman Walker has interviewed fifteen of the many architectural firms that applied for consideration. The final selection will be forthcoming following return interviews with the four top firms.

The Committee anticipates petitioning the selectmen in each of the nine towns, in early spring, for authorization to borrow money for a planning grant; also, to either purchase or take an option on a site. The Committeemen wish to thank the Town Officials, the Superintendents of Schools, and the many dedicated individuals who have helped them in their labors during the past three years.

Respectfully submitted,
Vincent A. Catacchio
Superintendent-Director

To the District Committee:

Following is report of Receipts and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1968:

RECEIPTS

Apportioned shares:

Town of Belchertown	\$1,343.10
Town of Hardwick	566.10
Town of Monson	1,476.30
Town of New Braintree	188.70
Town of North Brookfield	1,221.00
Town of Palmer	2,963.70
Town of Ware	1,898.10
Town of Warren	910.20
Town of West Brookfield	532.80

\$11,100.00

Payroll deductions:

Federal withholding taxes	\$829.30
Massachusetts withholding taxes	121.30
Retirement deductions	196.14
Blue Cross and Shield deductions	50.70
Group insurance deductions	3.72

1,201.16
\$12,301.16

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid out on Committee

Orders, Nos. 1 through 23:

Salaries	\$4,767.04
Expenses	2,782.68

\$7,549.72
\$4,751.44

Balance on hand December 31, 1968:

Respectfully submitted,
FRANCIS J. LYNCH, Treasurer

1969

TOWN WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampten, ss.

Town of Palmer

To either of the Constables of the Town of Palmer in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer, qualified to vote in elections of town officers to meet at the several polling places in said Palmer, designated by the Selectmen, to wit; in Precinct A, at the Palmer High School, in Precinct B, at the Thorndike Grammar School in Thorndike; in Precinct C, at the Three Rivers Grammar School in Three Rivers; and in Precinct D, at the Bondsville Grammar School in Bondsville, on Monday, the third day of February, 1969, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the Town, for the following officers: 3 Selectmen, 5 Playground and Recreation Commissioners, 3 License Commissioners, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes and 1 member of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District Committee, all for the term of one year; 1 member of the School Committee for a term of two years; 1 Assessor, 1 Cemetery Commissioner, 2 members of the School Committee, 1 member of the Board of Health, 1 member of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District Committee and Town Clerk, all for the term of three years; 2 members of the Planning Board and 1 member of the Palmer Housing Authority each for a term of five years.

Also, to vote by ballot, which shall be "yes" or "no" upon the following questions:

Referenda

Shall the Town pay one-half the premium costs payable by a retired employee for group life insurance and for group general or blanket hospital, surgical and medical insurance? (Chapter 32B, Section 9A)

YES	
NO	

Shall the town in addition to the payment of fifty per cent of a premium for contributory group life and health insurance for employees in the service of the Town and their dependents pay a subsidiary or additional rate? (Chapter 32B, Section 7A)

YES	
NO	

The polls will open at ten o'clock in the forenoon and will be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

And you are further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Palmer, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Palmer High School, Converse Street, Depot Village in said Palmer, on Monday, the tenth day of February, A.D., 1969, at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose all other usual Town Officers.

Article 3. To act on the reports of Town Officers.

Article 4. To hear and act on reports of committees.

Article 5. To choose committees and give them instructions.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1969 and January 1, 1970, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money as permitted by law to meet any appropriations made or expenses incurred under any article of the warrant.

Article 8. To raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize

the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the town, fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under tax title procedure, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such auction may reject any bid which they deem inadequate, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town, fourteen days at least before the sale, or at private sale, any old and obsolete equipment or personal property, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such auction or sale may reject any bid which they deem inadequate, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90, Highway Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from the Parking Meter Account any sum of money for (a) police enforcement; (b) constructing, reconstructing, resurfacing, operating and maintaining off-street parking areas; (c) a miscellaneous fund under the exclusive control of the Selectmen to be used for purposes authorized by law; (d) contribution toward cost of snow removal.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to the Reserve Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum of money from Free Cash to reduce the 1969 tax levy, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to pay an overdraft on snow removal.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the purchase of new cruisers for the Police Department or take any action relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the purchase of the following items of equipment for the use of the Highway Department, or take any action relative thereto:

- (1) One five yard dump truck.
- (2) One one-half ton pickup truck.
- (3) Various other equipment.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer any sum of money from the State Aid to Free Libraries Account to the use of the Palmer Public Library, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to reconstruct Thorndike Street, Depot Village, from the end of the present improved section to Ware Street, or as far as funds will permit, and raise and appropriate by taxation or otherwise any sum of money therefor, said sum to be used in conjunction with monies allotted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the County of Hampden, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to purchase a bulldozer, provide a shelter therefore and provide labor for its operation for the maintenance of the Sanitary Land Fill Refuse Disposal Area or take any action relative thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to limit the Motor Boats on Forest Lake to 10 horsepower or less.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to pay the Town's share of the cost of preparing a Master or Study Plan of the Town in accordance with the municipal planning provisions set forth in Chapter 41, Section 81D of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the services of umpires in the Palmer Midget Baseball League or take any action relative thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money with which to purchase a truck for the Park Department or take any action relative thereto.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the construction of a combination tennis court and skating rink on Hryniewicz Memorial Park, Village of Three Rivers, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the construction of a pedestrian underpass connecting New Burleigh Park with the Pee Wee Ball Fields on Warren Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to adopt an ordinance banning use of two-wheeled motor driven motorcycles or cycles, with or without mufflers, in any residential area of Town, so-called, between the hours of 7 P.M. and 2 A.M., daily, and all day Sunday.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following by-law.

No person owning or keeping a dog in the Town shall permit such dog to be at large in the Town, elsewhere than on the premises of the owner or keeper, except if it be on the premises of another person with the knowledge and permission of such other person. Such owner or keeper of a dog in the Town which is not on the premises of the owner or upon the premises of another person with the knowledge and permission of such person shall restrain such dog by chain or leash not exceeding six feet in length.

In any prosecution hereunder, the presence of such dog at large upon the premises other than premises of the owner or keeper of such dog shall be prima facie evidence that such knowledge and permission was not had.

Any dog found to be at large in violation of this section shall be caught and confined by the dog officer, who shall notify forthwith the licensed owner or keeper of such dog. Return of the dog to the licensed owner or keeper shall be dependent on admission of ownership or the keeping of the dog and the assumption of responsibility by the licensed owner or keeper. The dog officer shall enter and prosecute a complaint against the owner or keeper of any dog taken into custody under this section; provided, that if within the twelve months next preceding this offense the owner or keeper has not been convicted for violation of this section or a dog owned or kept by him has not been taken into custody for violation of this section, the dog officer may waive prosecution.

The Park Department may designate times and places or public park property where dogs may be exercised or trained off leash while under control and supervision of their masters.

A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each offense.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt the set of Traffic Rules and Regulations prepared and compiled under the direction of the Board of Selectmen in 1968, provided the same are approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 20C of the General Laws of Massachusetts which provides for the disposition of parking violations; tags; appearance; fines and failure to appear.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for the expenses of Conservation Commission.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to a conservation fund of which the Treasurer shall be custodian to be administered in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5, Clause 51 of the General Laws.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote under Article 45 of the annual meeting of March 23, 1914, which provided for the annual Town Meeting on the first Monday of February, and vote to hold the annual Town Meeting hereafter on the first Monday of March.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to accept and allow a Town Way in Precinct "B" as shown on a plan entitled "Crestwood Acres", Thorndike, Palmer, Mass. Scale 1" = 50', May 13, 1968, Kenneth C. Sherman, Town Engineer, said street to be known as, Elizabeth Street, 1968 Extension, bounded and described as follows:

A certain proposed street in Thorndike, Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts, running Westerly from the Westerly terminus of the 1967 Town Layout of Elizabeth Street, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the Southerly side of Elizabeth Street, at the Westerly terminus of the 1967 Town Layout of said Street, said point is six hundred five and 16/100 (605.16) feet Westerly measured along the Southerly side

of former layouts of Elizabeth Street, from an Iron Pin in the Westerly line of Pleasant Street, 1929 County Layout, and running thence S. 73° 38' W. one hundred fifty-five and 24/100 (155.24) feet along land of Ralph Robak and land of Robert A. Lucas et ux to a Concrete Bound; thence turning and running S. 52° 11' W. two hundred forty-five and 00/100 (245.00) feet along land now or formerly of Charles L. Tyburski et ux to a Concrete Bound; thence turning and running N. 37° 49' W. fifty and 0/10 (50.0) feet along said last named land to a point; thence turning and running N. 52° 11' E. two hundred fifty-four and 47/100 (254.47) feet along said last named land to a point; thence turning and running N. 73° 38' E. one hundred sixty-four and 71/100 (164.71) feet along said last named land to a point in the Westerly terminus of the 1967 Town Layout of Elizabeth Street; thence turning and running S. 16° 22' E. fifty and 00/100 (50.00) feet along last named land to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing (20,485) twenty thousand four hundred eighty-five square feet.

Said street is laid out over land of Charles L. Tyburski and Anna S. Tyburski.

Said street is to be known as Elizabeth Street.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to construct an addition to the Highway Department garage or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to purchase or take by eminent domain for school building purposes a certain tract of land for the most part in the Village of Bonds-ville and bounded generally by Route 181, Pleasant Street, and the Swift River and raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-two thousand (\$82,000) dollars to pay land damages arising from said taking.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the paving of New Hampshire Avenue, Village of Three Rivers, for a distance of approximately seven hundred (700) feet from Springfield Street.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to resurface Glenn Street, Village of Three Rivers, with Type I material, from Chudy Street Extension to Barker Street Extension, a distance of approximately twelve hundred (1200) feet.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to reconstruct and resurface

Bournside Street, Village of Three Rivers, with type I material.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to reconstruct and resurface Anderson Street, Village of Three Rivers, with Type I material.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum of money from funds allotted to the Town of Palmer under the provisions of Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1967 to resurface Barker Street Extension, Village of Three Rivers, using Type I material, from Sibley Street to the junction of Glenn Street, a distance of approximately nine hundred (900) feet, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to reconstruct Prospect Street, Village of Bondsville, with Type I materials, from Palmer Road to Advance Street.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to reconstruct Advance Street, Village of Bondsville, using Type I materials, from Prospect Street to Forest Street.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to reconstruct Oak Street, Village of Bondsville, using Type I materials, from Forest Street northerly a distance of four hundred (400) feet.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to reconstruct South High Street, Village of Bondsville, using Type I materials, from Crawford Street to Palmer Street, a distance of approximately six hundred (600) feet.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money that the two sections of Buckland Street, Depot Village be connected and made into one street.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to eliminate by widening and straightening a blind, dangerous curve on Flynt Street, Depot Village.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to resurface Taft Street, Depot Village, using Type I material.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to resurface Water Street, Depot Village from the presently completed section of Water Street to Dublin Street.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the reconstruction and resurfacing of old Boston-Springfield Road, Depot Village from Joe's Drive-in westerly to the intersection with Route 20.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to resurface Breton Street, Depot Village from Overlook Drive to Terry Street using Type I materials.

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to resurface Bowden Street, Depot Village, with Type I materials for the full length of the street.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to resurface Mechanic Street, Depot Village, with Type 1 materials, for the full length of the street.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for widening and resurfacing, using liquid bituminous materials, Mason District Road, Depot Village, from the intersection of Nipmuck Road and Mason Street to Thompson Street at the intersection of Robinson Road or take any action relative thereto.

Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to reconstruct and resurface Smith Street, Depot Village, using liquid bituminous materials, from Flynt Street easterly for a distance of approximately one thousand (1000) feet.

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to construct a guard rail on Old Warren Road near Route 67, Village of Thorndike.

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to surface Elizabeth Street, Village of Thorndike, using Type I materials from Pleasant Street to the end of that portion of Elizabeth Street accepted in 1967.

Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to repair the Main Street and Church Street bridges, Village of Thorndike.

Article 59. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum of money from funds allotted to the Town of Palmer under the provisions of Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1967 to widen, grade and resurface Summer Street, Village of Thorndike, from the residence of Goddu to the end of the street, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 60. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the construction of sewers, culverts and proper catch basins, or take any action relative thereto on the following projects:

- (a) Construct one manhole on South Street, Village of Three Rivers, near the residence of Kucewicz.
- (b) Construct two catch basins and one manhole on Lafayette Street, Village of Three Rivers, near the residence of Orszulak.
- (c) Reconstruct sewer in South High Street, Village of Bondsville from Crawford Street to Palmer Street, a distance of approximately six hundred (600) feet.
- (d) Construct sewer on Thorndike Street, Depot Village, from the northerly end of the existing sewer to the Massachusetts Turnpike Bridge.
- (e) Construct sewer to Water Street, Depot Village, from the southerly end of the completed sewer to Dublin Street.

Article 61. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the construction of sidewalks and/or curbings, or take any action relative thereto on the projects set forth as follows:

- (a) Concrete sidewalk on Calkins Road, Village of Three Rivers, from the end of the existing sidewalk to the end of property of Robert Benedetti.
- (b) Concrete sidewalk on Stewart Street, Village of Bondsville, from the existing sidewalk near the intersection of Maple Street to Griffin Street.
- (c) Concrete sidewalk on Depot Street, Village of Bondsville, for the length of the frontage of Endelson Memorial Playground.
- (d) Concrete sidewalk on Main and Depot Streets, Village of Bondsville, adjacent to Memorial Plot.
- (e) Berm on easterly side of Pine Street, Village of Bondsville, from the intersection of Pine and South Main Streets to the existing berm on the easterly side of Pine Street, scraping and tapering bank wherever necessary.
- (f) Concrete sidewalk on easterly side of North Main Street, Depot Village, from Brown Street to King Street.

- (g) Concrete sidewalk on westerly side of King Street from North Main Street to Highland Street, Depot Village.
- (h) Curbing on both sides of Taft Street, Depot Village.
- (i) Curbing on the westerly side of Cabot Street Extension, Depot Village, from the property of Gordon Stone to the property of Edward Kostreba.
- (j) Berm on westerly side of Breckenridge Street, Depot Village, from Pinney Street to Water Department access road.
- (k) Berm on River Street, Village of Thorndike, from 1 River Street to Center Street.
- (l) Repair cement abutments to bridges in Thorndike.
- (m) Sidewalk on Pleasant Street, Village of Thorndike, from property of John Noga to Elizabeth Street, a distance of approximately four hundred (400) feet.
- (n) Sidewalk on Ware Road, Village of Thorndike from the existing sidewalk to Stinson Road.
- (o) Sidewalk on Elizabeth Street, Village of Thorndike, from Pleasant Street to the end of the already accepted Elizabeth Street.
- (p) Concrete sidewalk, tree belt and curbing on River Street, Village of Thorndike, from the existing sidewalk and curbing to the end of property of Paul Siok.
- (q) Berm on the easterly side of Sykes Street, Village of Thorndike, from the property line of Szwed and Strzeminski to the property line of Austin and Miarecki, a distance of approximately twelve hundred (1200) feet.

Article 62. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sums of money to install, maintain or otherwise provide street lighting as follows:

- (a) Install a street light on Pole #3, corner of Overlook Drive and Barker Street Extension, Village of Three Rivers.
- (b) Install adequate street lighting on Glenn Street in the Village of Three Rivers.
- (c) Install adequate street lighting on Norbell Street, Village of Three Rivers.
- (d) Install a pole and/or light on Front Street near the southeasterly corner of the Three Rivers Grammar School property, Village of Three Rivers.
- (e) Install a pole and/or light on Front Street near the southwesterly corner of the Three Rivers Grammar School property, Village of Three Rivers.
- (f) Install adequate street lighting on Prospect Street, Village of Bondsville.

- (g) Install adequate street lighting on Advance Street, Village of Bondsville.
- (h) Install adequate lighting on Forest Street, Village of Bondsville.
- (i) Install adequate street lighting on Oak Street, Village of Bondsville.
- (j) Install street light on Pole #17½, Main Street in the Village of Bondsville.
- (k) Install a street light on Pole #77, Pine Street, in the Village of Bondsville.
- (l) Install street lights on Poles #26 and #28, Flynt Street near Lawless and Kurtyka residences, Depot Village.
- (m) Improve street lighting in Quaboag School area, Poles #7, #9 and #12, North Main Street, Depot Village.
- (n) Install street light on Pole #67, Old Warren Road, near the residence of Edward Midura, Village of Thorndike.
- (o) Install street light on Pole #5, Vicardav Avenue, Village of Thorndike.
- (p) Install street lights on Poles #73/65, #75 and #77, River Street, Village of Thorndike.
- (q) Install street light on Pole #44, River Street, Village of Thorndike.
- (r) Increase lighting on Pole #22-128, Pleasant Street, Village of Thorndike.
- (s) Increase lighting on Poles #16, #18, #21, and #23, Church Street, Village of Thorndike.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in some one public place in each of the four villages of the Town, known as the Depot Village, Thorndike, Three Rivers and Bondsville, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting, and by publishing attested copy thereof in at least two issues of the Palmer Journal-Register, a newspaper published in said Palmer, the first publication to be not less than seven days before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this Thirtieth day of December, A. D. 1968.

LEO ST. AMAND

THOMAS W HALEY

WILLIAM J. LEMANSKI

Selectmen of Palmer

A true copy.

Attest:

Harold L. Olson, Constable of Palmer

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